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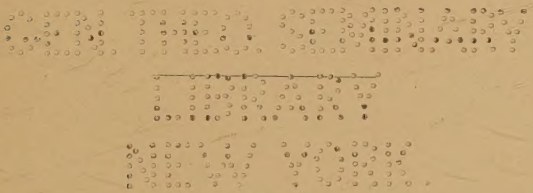

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PREFACE.

The following pages have been written especially for Bible students, and their chief value will appear in what they suggest.

Many familiar expressions will be recognized by those who have studied with the author in his numerous Bible classes, and some of the Bible Readings will be greeted by them as old acquaintances.

The oft-expressed wish of many pupils that they might copy the marginal notes of my Bible may now be gratified, as most of the notes appear in this volume. Those who are fond of marking their Bibles will find here much that will be helpful in that direction.

The comments on the Epistles ought to be studied and compared verse by verse with the Bible in hand. If an increased interest in the Word of God shall be stimulated by what he has written, the highest ambition of the writer will be realized.

To know what we *have* and what we *are* in Christ is the sum of all wisdom, and to live and walk worthily of such exalted privileges is the height of human attainment.

May all who read these lines be "filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, and walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God!"

WILLIAM G. CARR.

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EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS.

In this Epistle you may find the whole Gospel, the very alphabet of truth. Judgment here is followed by justification. First, we have the ground of justification, faith; then the principles and effects of justification.

The book naturally divides into three parts: 1st to 8th chapters, *Doctrinal.* 9th to 11th, *Dispensational.* 12th to 16th, *Practical.*

Four things are brought out here, viz: Man's ruin, God's remedy, the Jew's history and the Christian's path.

CHAPTER I.

Treats of the entire corruption of the Heathen World.

VERSE

1. Written by a servant, called and separated to the Gospel.

3. Jesus was the burden of prophecy and the Son of promise.

4. The claim of His life was confirmed by His resurrection.

5. He gives grace—first for salvation; second for service.

VERSE

7. Written to the *called* and *beloved* saints in Rome.

8. A remarkable faith, with a remarkable scope.

9. True service is in the Spirit and through the Gospel.

12. To see, to impart, to comfort was all his desire.

13. His one aim was to be *faithful* and *fruitful.*

14. A debtor to all and yet the servant of all.

16. He was not ashamed *of* the Gospel and never a shame *to* it. A *full* Gospel means a *dying* Saviour, a *risen* Saviour and a *coming* Saviour. It is the power of God to *save,* to *keep* and to *perfect* the believer.

17. God's righteousness first, man's salvation next.

18. Wrath is revealed, but not yet executed. It was poured out on Sodom and the antediluvian race, soon it will be again on this present world.

19. Men will be judged for what they might have known.

20. God always has His witnesses, men have no excuse.

21. Vain and foolish always, not living up to what they know.

22. Man's boasted wisdom only demonstrates his foolishness.

23. The outcome of man's brain, idolatry and pagan mythology.

24. Result: Uncleanness, lust and bestiality.

VERSE

25. Refusing the truth of God, they receive the devil's lie.

26. No depth of depravity that man will not fathom.

27. Putting to shame the lowest brute.

28. Even a patient God compelled to give them up.

31. Three verses with 23 sorts of sin and sinners.

32. Revelling in their ruin, they are cut off by the flood.

CHAPTER II.

1. The greater privilege of the Jew increased his condemnation.

2. There is only one standard, one law and one Judge.

3. Birth, race or surroundings cannot save from judgment.

4. His forbearance ought to lead *us* to repentance.

5. Heaping up for himself, man will reap as he sows.

6. Each will get what he deserves in quantity and quality.

7. Patient continuing, not professing, working or shouting.

8. Obedience to the truth is the one test of discipleship.

9. Evil doers and workers can expect nothing but evil.

VERSE

10. Peace now, and glory soon the reward of the faithful.

11. The righteous and impartial Judge knows no favorites.

12. With or without law, so each shall be judged.

13. Not hearing or saying, but *doing*, the law demands.

14. The child of nature knows by an *unwritten* law.

15. Conscience based on what one might have known.

16. One day, one Judge, one rule—the word of God.

18. Seven counts in the indictment against the Jew.

19. Resting, boasting, knowing, approving. A guide.

20. A light, an instructor and teacher,—no common responsibility.

21. Do you practice what you preach or possess what you profess ?

22. One who *teaches* the law surely ought to *keep* it.

24. The sins of the Gentiles charged on account of your failure.

25. Sound doctrine wont help an unsound practice.

28. God wants reality not form, inward conviction with outward performance.

29. Truth is more than ordinances, substance more than form, and spirit more than the letter.

CHAPTER III.

A photograph of the *whole* world. Jew and Gentile alike guilty before God. "All have sinned." Under Adam men were *sinners*, under Moses *transgressors*, under Christ *enemies*.

VERSE

1. Peculiar advantages involves peculiar responsibility.

2. A great blessing to be the custodian of God's thoughts.

3. The faith of God and the truth of God cannot be shaken.

4. Man's failure or success cannot affect the truth.

5. Our errors and mistakes only bring out His faithfulness.

6. Justice as essential to His perfect character as mercy.

7. He is as much glorified in punishing sin as in saving the sinner.

8. Evil doing under any circumstances is without excuse.

9. *All sinners.* Gentiles *without* law, Jew *under* law, *we* under grace.

10. God gives righteousness; man cannot earn, law cannot impart it.

11. Nothing in an unsaved man that has affinity with God.

12. Death cannot seek life, evil has no sympathy with good. Man has lost his way and has no power to get back.

VERSE

13. Throat, tongue and lips, fit avenues for an evil heart.

14. A mouth formed for praise, yet turned to cursing.

15. Feet turned from heaven to tread the way of death.

18. No peace, yet no fear. An indictment with *fourteen counts.*

19. Law stops the mouth, grace opens it. Law condemns, but grace acquits.

20. The man's deeds can be no better than the man.

21. A righteous law is a manifestation of a righteous God.

22. The righteousness of faith, God's seal on all who believe.

23. Man has come short, not of duty, law or conscience it may be, yet short of the *glory of God.* No difference—all ages, conditions or climes—"all have sinned."

24. Sin *levels* all, but grace *lifts* all, when they believe.

25. He takes our sins, we take His righteousness.

26. *Just* in punishing sin, *merciful* in saving the sinner.

27. Such grace, while it exalts God, puts man in the dust.

28. Believing in my weakness and His strength, that saves.

29. If any would be shut out, Jesus would,

VERSE

for He was *made sin;* yet God received Him and through Him all who believe.

30. One God and one way of salvation for all.

31. The law opened up the way for a possible faith.

CHAPTER IV.

1. Abraham was blest in believing and obeying; so are we.

2. Works may be to our credit before men, but not before God.

3. What Abraham believed God *could* do, we believe *He has done.*

4. Salvation by works would be to put God in our debt.

5. Seeing without questioning or reasoning is faith. Believing that He finished the work, there is no need of our work.

6. Imputed righteousness is just as reasonable as imputed sin.

7. Forgiving iniquity and covering sin, *His* work. We cannot do it.

8. Not who has not sinned, but to whom it is not *charged.*

9. Circumcision was an *after* matter of obedience.

10. Abraham believed and obeyed long before he was circumcised.

11. Circumcision was a *seal* to God and a *sign* to man.

12. We want Abraham's faith, walk and obedience, though uncircumcised.

VERSE

13. Promise is not based on law or service, but grace.

14. Grace from first to last the ground of blessing.

15. From Adam to Moses there was sin, but no transgression.

16. The same principles operate either under law or grace.

17. Abraham the father of all who take God at His word.

18. He believed when everything seemed against him.

19. Bodies or instruments are nothing. The *Word* is life.

20. He had some experience in trusting God, and knew His power.

21. He knew the promise was good, though he did not have patience to wait.

22. God thought more of his faith than all he could do.

23. Just as true to-day as it was in Abraham's time.

24. Peace does not rest on works or experience, but trust.

25. We are just as free as He could make us. He answered every charge that was or can be against us.

CHAPTER V.

Five things: Being justified, having peace, standing in grace, rejoicing in hope, and waiting for glory.

VERSE

1. A satisfied God makes a satisfied sinner. Faith the principle of justification; peace the result.

2. Peace for the past, grace for the present, glory for the future. Judgment is behind us, nothing but glory before us.

3. Rejoice in trial because of what it does for us.

5. Our title is perfect, though our walk may be crooked.

6. Condition of a sinner—*weak, godless, sinful, hostile.*

7. Our sin and weakness is our passport to His grace.

8. Flesh cannot understand how one could love an enemy.

9. If a dying Lord saves, a living Lord wont reject.

10. Our surety here is His *life there.* While *He lives,* we are *safe.*

11. No joy in self; *all in Him* and what He has done. We joy in God when we are at one with Him through Christ.

12. Separate from God man dies, being shut out from life.

13. Before the law sin, after the law transgression.

14. Man is dead spiritually as long as he is under the power of sin.

15. The offence and offender covered by the blood of the purchaser.

VERSE

16. Condemned through one, justified through the other.

17. Abundant grace and righteousness, the abundant gift of God.

18. As we shared in the condemnation, we may in the justification.

19. By union with Adam made sinners, by union with Christ made righteous.

20. The object of the law was to show man his need and sin. The more we realize our sin, the more we value His grace.

21. Sin and its consequences as eternal as the grace that saves from it.

CHAPTER VI.

1. To continue in sin is to outrage grace and show we never were saved.

2. If one with Christ we *have* died to sin, self and the world.

3. Resurrection is the only way to the new creation. Fellowship with death, precedes fellowship with life.

4. The only thing to do with a dead man is to bury him. By water baptized into death, by the Holy Ghost raised to our living Head.

5. Dead and buried to our own wisdom, will or wish, and risen to His.

6. Crucified, dead, buried, risen, seated *in Him*. No half way.

VERSE

7. The law cannot touch a dead man. He is delivered. Too late!

8. We share as truly in the one as in the other.

9. He met every demand, paid every debt, took the sting away.

10. The sin question settled, it can never be opened while He lives.

11. Reckon, count, treat yourself dead, don't say realize.

12. Don't let sin be master, control sin by grace.

13. Fulness of blessing in proportion to fulness of surrender.

14. We are not *under* the commands. Grace is *above* law.

15. Grace gives liberty to love, but not license to sin.

16. The servant resembles his master, earthly or heavenly.

17. Having changed masters, heart and life belong to another.

18. Not a servant of righteousness till we cut loose from sin.

19. Secret of holy living: Ask Him to *take all*, if you cannot *give all*.

21. If you do the devil's work you must take his wages.

22. In Christ holiness is the fruit, eternal life the end.

23. God gives what man cannot earn or Satan destroy. His gifts are as eternal as Himself.

CHAPTER VII.

The *believer's conflict.* The chapter begins with life and ends with liberty. Three parts: *Doctrine, Inquiry, Experience.* All about self; the words "I" and "me" occur about thirty times.

VERSE

1. Law has dominion over live men, not after they are dead.

2. Death is the only deliverer from sin, law or self.

3. To live with two husbands, law and grace, is adultery.

4. You must bury law before you can be rightfully married to grace. No fruit for God while you live with the first husband, *Law.*

5. Fruit of the flesh dies, only the fruit of the Spirit lives.

6. Dead men bear dead fruit; delivered men bear fruit of the Spirit.

7. The law served its purpose in showing us our sins.

8. Law curses and kills those who disobey, but gives no power.

9. I thought I was right till the law showed me I was wrong.

10. What I thought would help me only cursed my weakness.

11. Sin deceived me and killed me; law could not help.

12. The law is as good as God could make it; the trouble is in *me.*

VERSE

13. It is impossible for a sinful being to keep a holy law.

14. A believer is the purchase of Christ, yet may not be delivered.

15. The two natures at war—the old I sinning, the new I resisting.

16. Experience proves that the old I needs a law of restraint.

17. Charge sin where it belongs, always to the *old nature.*

18. In the spiritual man all good, in the fleshly nothing good. I have the quickened desire, but I lack the power.

19. I am in bondage to one I hate and cannot overcome.

20. The true man doesn't consent, the old man is the cause.

21. The two laws of good and evil meet in the believer.

22. *No unsaved* man can delight in the law of God. When a man is brought to a sense of sin, he is born of God.

23. The law of our members *always* resists the law of God.

24. The moment one cries out "*Who* shall deliver," the work is done. Some one else must come and set us free. Not *how can I do it?* but *who* will do it for me?

25. All "*I*" till now, one look at Christ and you are free. Help only in Him. He keeps the mind and controls the flesh.

CHAPTER VIII.

Believer's liberty and triumph through the Spirit. The chapter begins with "no condemnation," ends with "no separation."

VERSE

1. One with Christ, we must be *as* He is and *where* He is.

2. All the *Spirit's* work now, delivered from the flesh.

3. The law showed my weakness, but could not give me power. It showed me I was crooked, but could not make me straight. God condemns sin, but saves the sinner who believes.

4. The righteousness of the law best known to those who live *above* it.

5. You may know what a man is by what he loves and seeks.

6. A mind set on carnal things is sure death to spirituality.

7. Between the carnal mind and God's word there is no sympathy.

8. We shall get rid of the flesh before we enter heaven.

9. In Christ we are not in the flesh, though the flesh is in us. The test of a Christian is not profession, but spirituality.

10. You cannot insult a dead man; he neither quarrels nor fights.

11. We shall be raised as Jesus was, by the same power.

VERSE

12. Although *in* the body we are to *owe* nothing to the flesh.

13. If we don't kill sin, sin will kill us spiritually.

14. If born of the Spirit, we shall be *led* by and *walk* in the Spirit.

15. Slavery and fear now gone; with life and love comes liberty.

16. The evidence of our birth, our union with Him.

17. Not heirs *to*, but *with* Christ, and just as rich as He. We cannot be heirs of glory without sharing in His sufferings.

18. Suffering will seem light after a glimpse of glory.

19. We are waiting now; we get our glory when He comes.

20. The creature shares in the atonement as it did in the fall.

21. A groaning creation awaits the coming Lord and Deliverer.

23. A groaning people await a redeemed body.

24. Hope looks for nothing better *till He comes.*

25. We can bear much and be patient, for it will not be long.

26. All true prayer is inspired, breathed by the Holy Spirit.

27. Having His mind, we shall ask "according to His will."

28. The mill that grinds for God's children has but one hopper. Our call is to glory—but it is up hill, all the way.

VERSE

29. His purpose is to bring out in us the image of His Son.

30. *Five* links here in the unbroken chain of God's eternal purpose.

31. *Seven* questions for the doubter and skeptic to answer. Is there anyone strong enough to defeat Him?

32. The best given. Can He withhold *anything* now?

33. If God is satisfied, of whom shall we be afraid?

34. Our intercessor is the Judge's Son. Will His prayers fail?

35. Seven things that tried to separate us, but could not.

36. Love was born to be a sacrifice and lives by dying.

37. He conquered hell and death; we share in His victory.

38. Paul's persuasion covers past, present and future possibilities.

39. All creation may not separate us from the love of God. His love equalled by His power; both are infinite, and know neither measure nor end.

CHAPTER IX.

Treats of the *election, fall* and *restoration of Israel.*

2. Paul's sorrow was that he had once done the same as they. Speaks of the ignorance and unbelief from which he had escaped.

VERSE

4. Seven things that made them a highly privileged people.

5. The ancestors of our Lord and yet His worst enemies.

6. The word has not failed, even though His people have.

7. Birth or family cannot give a passport to Heaven.

8. The children of promise are children of the resurrection. Fleshly descent cannot secure spiritual blessing.

9. Isaac was not born till the flesh was as good as dead.

10. Natural order was reversed in the case of Jacob.

11. Works had nothing to do with it; simply God's choice.

15. The divine right to do as He pleases, who will question? Had justice been done, mercy would not have been shown any.

16. Man's will cannot reach higher than the man himself.

17. God as much glorified in His power and justice as in mercy.

18. This was judicial judgment on one who had *hardened himself.*

19. Doubt and unbelief are always suggesting questions.

20. What He does is simply none of our business.

21. No other potter could have made *anything* out of us.

VERSE

22. Shows His wrath on those who *fit themselves* for destruction.

23. Mercy and grace on vessels *He prepares* for glory.

25. The gospel dispensation precedes the fulfilment of Israel's election.

26. Disowned for the present, yet soon to be acknowledged.

27. The restoration of Israel is a large part of prophecy.

28. The 70th week of Daniel will be the last chapter of Israel.

30. We never reach the righteousness of faith until we have come to the end of righteousness by law.

32. Israel's history a perfect commentary on the gospel of works.

33. Christ is a rock of refuge or offense, by Him we stand or fall.

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2. Ignorant zeal often hinders the cause it wants to help.

3. The more you know of His righteousness, the less you will think of your own. You don't get it by going about, but by submitting.

VERSE

4. In Christ, law and its curse are ended for believers.

5. All the law promised was *long life* to the obedient.

6. The law was a *work* to do, the Gospel a *word* to believe.

8. We get everything by listening, not by doing.

9. Confessing a lie brought death, confessing the truth brings life.

10. Heart work precedes salvation; mouth work follows.

11. He takes the sin and shame of Eden away and clothes us.

12. No difference in sinners and no difference in the riches of His grace.

13. A personal, positive promise to all who cry for salvation.

14. Three steps in salvation: *Hear, believe, call.*

15. A heaven-sent message always finds a messenger.

16. Hearing effectually is followed by obedience to the word.

17. Not by feeling, professing, working, agonizing, but by hearing.

18. No excuse. All have heard enough to be saved.

19. We are the foolish nation to whom He turned.

20. We never sought Him, but He sought us.

21. The people of promise were disobedient and rebellious,

CHAPTER XI.

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1. Are they cast away forever? He saved Paul, He will others.

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4. In Israel's darkest hour He had a loyal few,—7,000.

5. Unseen of men, His eye is ever upon His own elect.

6. Election is of grace, pure unmerited favor of God. It cannot be of works for that would magnify man.

7. Israel failed because they sought not in the right way.

10. They wilfully, persistently chose darkness, and He gave it.

11. Israel a blessing in two ways, by their fall and restoration.

12. As blessing came to us when judgment fell on Israel.

13. So when judgment falls on Christendom, blessing comes to Israel.

15. Their casting away no more real than their recovery.

16. The lump and root remain, though the branches be cut off.

17. We only take their place in this dispensation of the Spirit.

18. We have nothing to boast of; we fail as much as they.

VERSE

20. The justice that cut them off awaits us, if unfaithful.

22. God will be gracious or severe according as we deserve.

23. When they repent, He will graft them in again.

25. The time spoken of here is *hid* in the Old Testament.

26. Restoration cannot be till the church is gathered out.

27. A New Covenant, *all of grace*, in which man has no past.

28. The promise good,—Abraham shall yet possess the land.

29. God never takes back a gift, or forgets a promise.

30. Christ is the door, we all enter the same way.

32. None ever saved through merit, only through mercy.

33. Unsearchable wisdom and undying love provided the way.

34. No better work could be planned, no greater love displayed.

36. To us eternal blessing, to Him eternal glory.

CHAPTER XII.

1. Christianity requires a *living* sacrifice, not a dead one; *your* body, not a lamb; *ourselves*, not only what we have.

2. A walk with God renews the mind, transforms the life.

VERSE

3. You cannot know His will, while you have thoughts of your own.

4. Not only to hold the one Body, but know our place in it.

5. There cannot be more than one Body, or more than one Head.

6. The perfect Body has *seven* gifts, and all of grace.

7. God-sent teachers need never hunt for a call.

8. Gifts are to be used for the glory of the giver.

9. Seven qualities of a perfect love. First, *sincere.*

10. *Affectionate;* give your brother the best place.

11. Write over your door: "In business for Christ."

12. Cheerful, patient, prayerful, hopeful.

13. Don't forget saints. Keep open house for strangers.

14. Blessed yourself, you ought to *be a blessing* to others.

15. Have a sympathetic heart and a helping hand.

16. Keep low and you will not have far to fall.

17. Be honest and upright, look every man in the face.

18. If you cannot live in the same house, move out.

19. Don't strike back, go to law or to war. Pay day is coming, you can afford to wait. If you take the Judge's place, you will get judgment in return,

VERSE

20. You *have* been saved by grace; *manifest* it to others.

21. Good weapons,—love and grace; they win more victories than the sword.

CHAPTER XIII.

1. A Christian is always a *subject*, never a ruler.

2. Do not resist what God permits; be law-abiding.

3. One who lives *above* law will not be afraid of rulers.

4. Officers of law are our ministers or servants.

5. If we live in the heavenlies, we shall know how to act on the earth.

7. Loyalty, tribute, honor to whom it belongs.

8. Keep out of debt; we owe nothing but love.

9. The substance and spirit of the law is love.

10. Love is always on good terms with her neighbors.

12. Be watchful, the crowning day is near at hand.

13. When you put on Christ, you put off darkness and lust.

CHAPTER XIV.

1. Do not argue or strive; all men do not see alike.

2. Give others the same liberty you ask for yourself.

3. Do not despise any; we shall be judged by the one Word.

VERSE

4. We have but one Master, He will sustain us.

5. In all things be sure you have "thus saith the Lord."

6. The head may be crooked, though the heart be right.

7. We are always helping or hindering some one, and we are responsible for influence, teaching, example.

8. For what we do and fail to do, we are also responsible.

10. As *servants* we must render our account; as *sinners* we are delivered from judgment. In Christ our *persons* are accepted, but our *ways* may not be.

12. Our works will be tested and tried by fire.

13. Rather than judge our brethren, let us bear with them.

15. Be patient, all have not like attainment.

17. God's Kingdom is like Himself,—spiritual. Head, members, blessings, sacrifices, worship and warfare.

18. Walk with Him, and you will be accepted above and approved below.

19. Follow peace. Study to build, not destroy.

21. Better be a sufferer than make others suffer.

22. Happy the man who can always look God in the face.

23. In all questions, give Him the benefit of a doubt. When not clear about doing a thing, don't do it.

CHAPTER XV.

VERSE

1. Bear with weakness, but not disobedience or rebellion.

2. A good family rule: Please others first.

3. His life a pattern. Nothing of self in Jesus; had there been, He might have avoided the reproach.

4. God's Word the source of hope, comfort and patience.

5. *Live* as He did and *act* as He would. *We represent Him.*

6. With one mind and one mouth there could be no division among saints.

7. One condition of fellowship: Has Christ received you?

8. We are set to defend the truth, even as He was.

9. Salvation is not confined to Old Testament saints.

12. All nations, Jew and Gentile, are yet to praise Him.

13. Joy and peace in believing; power through the Holy Ghost.

14. You cannot teach others what you have not learned for yourself.

16. He ministered the Gospel, not essays of man's wisdom.

18. His boast was in what God had wrought through him.

19. No ministry of the Spirit apart from the word.

VERSE

20. The man and his work original; no imitator or Copyist.

23. Not much room for such preachers in any age.

25. He ministered to the saints and preached the Gospel to sinners.

27. Saints ought to share their pocket books, with their prayers.

29. God pours most and best from overflowing vessels.

30. Paul coveted their prayers, but not their purse.

31. Seeks deliverance from sinners and acceptance with saints.

33. He would be a God of war, if it were not for the work of Christ.

CHAPTER XVI.

1. His first convert commended as a servant of the Church.

2. "In the Lord," ought to be the passport to Christian fellowship.

3. Only tent makers, but great helpers of Paul and Apollos.

4. What they did for Paul proved a good investment.

5. A home church, "where two or three gather in His name."

A list of helpers, and all "*in the Lord.*"
Chosen, beloved, approved and remembered.

VERSE

16. The only place this expression is used. Always "Church of God."

17. Avoid sectarians and teachers of strange doctrine.

18. Selfishness is always at the root of such teaching.

19. Prove all by the Word. To know evil you must know *the good.*

20. He bruises *us* now, but Satan's time is short and he knows it. He was the God of judgment at the cross; the God of peace at the open grave.

25. The only thing to establish Christians,—the word.

26. Secret once, but manifest now to all who believe, and soon to be made known among all nations.

Note the words "in the Lord," "in Christ," here.

Justified by faith, through His *blood.*
United by faith, through His *resurrection.*
Delivered by faith, through His *ascension.*
Sustained by faith, through His *priesthood.*
Raised by faith, through His *appearing.*

I. CORINTHIANS.

The church at Corinth had gone astray in morals and doctrine, and this Epistle was written to correct the many errors into which they had fallen.

CHAPTER I.

VERSE

1. An apostle, called by the will of God, to the service of Christ.

2. To the Church of God in Corinth and saints *in all places.*

3. Grace and peace, *mercy not spoken of,* that is individual.

4. From here to verse 9, an epitome of the whole chapter. Abundant grace an occasion for abundant thanksgiving.

5. Rich in knowledge and utterance, but not in good works.

6. No lack in God, but lack of spirituality in them.

7. The only attitude for Christians,—waiting for the Lord.

8. He begins, confirms and ends the work in us. Faulty now, but one day blameless and faultless.

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9. Called into fellowship and partnership with a faithful friend.

10. Owning one name, we ought to be of one mind. Party spirit a sure sign of something in the place of Christ. Every division is a device of the enemy to weaken us.

11. While we fight each other we cannot conquer Satan.

12. Learning, eloquence or zeal cannot take His place.

13. He wont divide His glory; we ought not to divide our love.

16. All he baptized were disciples of Christ, not of Paul.

17. The cross of Christ, the end and aim of all true preaching. We don't need to prop up the cross, only point to it.

18. The effect of preaching the cross depends upon *which side we stand.*

19. True wisdom begins in learning our own ignorance.

20. Man's interest in this world and the next demands that he should be in harmony with God's law.

21. We fell through man's wisdom, and are saved by God's. We fell through Satan's lie, and are saved through God's truth.

22. Believe only what you can see, and you must have either a long head or a short creed.

23. Life through a dead Christ, always seems foolishness to the world.

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24. No wisdom or power of which Christ is not the center.

25. God's weakness is greater than the enemy's strength.

26. The Spirit gathers to the Son of God, not to great men.

27. Five things that God hath chosen, and all are weak.

28. He wants our *yieldingness*, not our force; our *foolishness*, not our wisdom.

29. Flesh that glories here, withers in the presence of God. We find our satisfaction where the Father finds His,—*in His Son.* What is *imputed* to us, in Christ, is *imparted* by the Holy Ghost. What God *reckons* to us, in His Son, is *wrought* in us by His Spirit. All holiness is revealed in, and *produced by*, the Word of God.

31. *Of* Him and *through* Him, all things; *to* Him, all glory.

CHAPTER II.

1. Divine testimony does not depend on wise men, or fine speeches.

2. A crucified Christ is what we need to preach to sinners.

3. True preaching does not depend on creature strength.

4. The Spirit is pledged to honor His own word.

5. The faith of God can never rest on human research.

VERSE

6. Only what comes from God can stand His test.

7. The things once hidden are now revealed by the Spirit.

8. The ignorance of the world proves its destruction.

9. The mysteries of God are revealed only to *new* powers and senses.

10. We must have *His nature*, that we may understand *His will*.

11. He employs many messengers, but the truth is His own.

12. The Spirit of God reveals the mind of God, to His own.

13. The Holy Ghost uses the literal words of Scripture. Compare spiritual with spiritual; only diamonds can cut diamonds.

14. Nature and revelation have nothing in common. The things of the Spirit are not discerned by the flesh.

15. One may have the Spirit and yet not be spiritual. Only he who sees as God sees can have sound judgment.

16. The mind of the Lord is known best by those who love Him most.

CHAPTER III.

1. Teaching should be suited to the scholar's capacity.

2. Food too strong may create spiritual dyspepsia.

VERSE

3. God cannot be the Author of strife or division. We are not to walk as men, but as *Saints* and *Nazarites*.

4. While talking of any man, you are occupied with servants.

5. Ministers are only servants and instruments.

6. Planting and watering necessary, but God gives life.

7. Agencies are to lead us to God, not take His place.

8. Faithful service, however humble, will be rewarded.

9. We are not rivals, but partners, co-workers with God.

10. Each a part of, and necessary to, the one building. The foundation is His work; the building is ours.

11. Don't build on self or fellow Christians; all will fail.

12. The wisdom of God is gold, silver and precious stones. The wisdom of this world is wood, hay and stubble.

13. All shall be tested at the resurrection of works. What *sort* it is; not quantity, but quality.

14. Only what stands the fire of truth will be rewarded.

15. Burned works will be like Lot's lost property in Sodom. The judgment is not to try the man, but his works. The man will be saved, though his works be all burned.

16. God dwells in *living* temples now, in every

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regenerate heart. He was very particular about the Tabernacle. He is no less so now.

18. You cannot enter too low a class in the school of God.

19. His standard quite different from ours. Heaven is the seat of wisdom.

21. Don't glory in men; you have the pattern Man. The Jew inherited the earth; we inherit "*all things.*" Death too,—the sting is gone and what was once our enemy, now has become our friend.

23. We belong to the aristocracy of the coming kingdom.

CHAPTER IV.

1. A minister of Christ and a steward of God holds a most responsible position.

2. Not required to be popular or successful, only faithful.

3. A faithful saint will never be found useless.

4. Don't judge hearts or motives, we shall all get what we deserve.

6. Avoid the praise of men, each has his place.

7. He makes us to differ, and equips us as He wills.

8. Our kingdom is coming, we are servants for awhile.

9. We don't look much like kings, nor did our Master.

10. Take the low place and you may lift others.

VERSE

11. Not like other men, with home, friends and plenty.

12. Though working for them he supported himself.

13. Not to resent slander or libel. Despised of men.

14. We are not exempt from trial, but sustained in it.

15. Many teachers, but few have a father's heart.

16. Follow me, remember my ways and how I taught.

20. As your spiritual father, I may have to use the rod.

CHAPTER V.

1. A pure God must have a pure people. There is something to put away as well as to receive. The honor of God's house is of more account than the feelings of men.

3. If we don't judge ourselves, the Lord will judge us.

4. The Lord gives the authority for putting away such, that their sin may be exposed, their eyes opened, and they be led to repentance.

6. Such sin would soon corrupt and deaden a whole assembly.

7. Put away leaven or evil, because you are unleavened. You are alive, therefore arise from among the dead. The sacrifice of Christ is not only the ground of our security, but His presence is the secret of holiness.

VERSE

8. To keep the feast we must feed on Christ. No leaven. Sincerity is not enough, we must be *true also.*

9. We judge those inside; God will judge outside.

10. Not to go out of the world, but keep from it.

11. Be careful where you eat and with whom you company. God is particular, if we are not. We may not judge private matters, but we are responsible to judge the public walk before men.

13. Proper and efficient care of the sheep requires that we *keep out the wolves.*

CHAPTER VI.

Nine questions in this chapter.

1. Under Jewish law judgment was by Priest and Levite.

2. Under grace, *all* are priests and judged by the word.

3. Eternal interests are committed to us. We surely ought to be able to judge the things of this life.

5. One who has the mind of God has the court of last resort.

6. If we are saved by grace, let us manifest it to others.

7. Better to suffer wrong than to wrong others. Better lose your rights in time, than your hope for eternity.

9. The company we keep here determines our place there.

VERSE

10. None will enter heaven who do not begin on earth.

11. Set apart now in His name and for His service.

12. We cannot afford to do anything that will lessen our power.

13. Which shall be the master, you or your appetite? The body is a good servant, but a bad master.

15. Christ *for us*, saves; Christ *in us*, keeps.

16. Where sin is in question, communion is not possible.

17. The gospel *gives* all and has a right to *claim* all.

18. God asks *nothing* from sinners, but *everything* from saints.

19. Believers are God's property in body and soul.

20. The price of our redemption was infinite, —the blood of Jesus. He is entitled to all we have, are, or can do; and we ought to be as clean in body as He has made us in heart.

CHAPTER VII.

2. Individual purity requires that most men be married.

5. Benevolence and tenderness always to be shown.

8. Freedom in Christian service is best found in a single state. The Spirit of God gives to some an energy *above nature*.

VERSE

17. As one has received of the Lord, so let him walk. To be eminently *useful*, one must be eminently *holy*. Only under extremest circumstances are families to separate.

19. Forms are nothing to God. He will have reality.

22. Abide in no calling where you cannot serve God.

24. We are called from sin to holiness, by the Spirit.

27. We ought to live peaceably with anything that God can.

29. Don't let wives, or idols of any kind, shut out Christ.

31. Remember everything down here is fuel for the bonfire. "A little while" regulates our joys and moderates our sorrows.

32. Don't be elated with prosperity or cast down by adversity.

37. A great victory has been won, when you conquer self.

39. If you think of marrying, let it be "*in the Lord.*" If you *are* married, let it be *to the Lord* first. You cannot live after the flesh and prosper in soul.

CHAPTER VIII.

1. All knowledge is an injury if it does not lead to Him.

3. You cannot love Him without knowing, or know Him without loving.

VERSE

6. One God, and we are *in* Him, *by* Him and *for* Him.

8. Not what we do, but what we *are*, commends us.

9. Though free, we are not always to use our freedom.

12. What affects any member of the body affects the Head. Liberty sets us above law, but never above love. Go any length in self-denial, but don't surrender truth. Be always ready to sacrifice self, but not the Word.

CHAPTER IX.

1. That he might be an Apostle, the Lord appeared to him.

2. Souls brought to Jesus, the best seals of apostleship.

3. It is one thing to have power, another to use it wisely.

4. He who called us is pledged to take care of us.

9. He cares for oxen, will He not for His children?

12. We ought not to claim our rights, if it will hinder His work.

13. The Priest was entitled to the first and best of all.

14. God's priests never promised more than a living.

15. He would not use what he had a right to.

VERSE

16. Such preachers are compelled by the Spirit.

17. Sacrifices to be acceptable must be voluntary.

18. Reward of true service is not here, but *at the end.* A true minister is a gift, never a charge or a burden.

19. To be a servant, one need not be a hired man.

20. Accommodate yourself to circumstances, that you may win.

22. Go all lengths, but inside truth and principle.

24. Eternal life is a gift; the prize is a reward.

25. It pays to be temperate; ours is a lasting prize.

26. Dead men cannot run, only living men run races.

27. Nature must be kept under, it always hinders. One may be a child of God, yet *not approved* as a runner. Mephibosheth sat at the King's table, though *lame* in both feet.

CHAPTER X.

1. The Red Sea opened to let Israel out, and closed to *keep* them out.

2. Baptized into Moses and all that he represented.

3. The cloud and the sea separated them from the old life. Food of Egypt will never do for the redeemed of God.

VERSE

4. Bread from heaven and water from the Rock, all speak of Christ.

5. All started and shared in the blessings; few got through.

6. Their lives and failures are a warning to us.

7. Lust, idolatry and worldly alliance, the cause of their downfall.

10. Tempting God and murmuring filled up their measure.

11. Be admonished. This is something more than history for us.

12. Our safety is in leaning on Him for strength.

13. Don't seek excuses *for* sins, rather *victory over* them. A faithful God will not permit more than is good for us.

14. Idols may be anything that robs Christ of His place.

15. Take care that the memorial does not *displace Him.*

16. The bread and wine teach us of His body and blood.

17. He the Head, we the members and invited guests.

19. Idolatry generally found with a low spiritual condition.

20. You cannot have fellowship with Christ and the world.

21. Wherever *He is* shut out, the devil has a table.

23. Avoid evil; do good, even at the expense of liberty.

VERSE

30. Rule for a holy life: Do all to the glory of God.

31. Without offence; living for others, not for self.

CHAPTER XI.

1. Christ our pattern; keep close to the copy.

2. Paul never preached what he did not practice.

3. God's order: Christ first, then man, then woman.

6. Covering the head a token of subjection to the husband.

13. The uncovered head not considered comely and modest.

14. Nature teaches this difference in man and woman.

18. A divided church a reproach to the name of Christ.

22. The Lord's supper not a festival or social gathering.

23. Not a Jewish feast, but specially revealed to Paul for the church.

24. The broken bread speaks of His body broken for us.

25. The cup speaks of the life poured out in our stead. Both bread and wine are made by much bruising.

26. Only to be celebrated "*till He comes*" again.

27. A solemn thing to make mockery of or use unworthily.

VERSE

28. Self-examination before God the needed preparation.

29. Unworthily is failing to discern what it symbolizes.

30. Improper use had brought sickness and death among them.

31. Judge all by the book, and nothing will be left to judge.

34. We *remember* His sufferings, *show* His death, *look* for His coming.

CHAPTER XII.

1. Graces are better than gifts, and bestowed on all.

3. Satan and his followers reject the Lordship of Christ.

4. You cannot leave out the gifts, without mutilating the body.

6. God has numerous agencies to communicate His will. Ministry is what we get from Him to give out to others. Worship is *breathing back* to Him, what He *has inbreathed* to us.

8. Nine gifts of the Spirit to the members of the body.

11. In every healthy body these gifts will be manifested. All gifts are not to be expected or found in one person.

12. Every sect is a division of the one body and unwarranted. No more do without every member, than do without the Head.

VERSE

13. The unity of God's Spirit demands the unity of His body.

17. Deny the one body, but you cannot get out of it, if saved. Each Christian belongs to every other, divinely united.

18. None can set himself, or one set up another. God places.

20. In this one body are combined unity, diversity, harmony.

22. There will be weak members, but all are necessary.

25. If all were controlled by the Head, there would be no schism.

26. Men can tell you belong to the body, by the love for the members.

27. Union with Christ, not a church, makes a member of His body.

28. God has gifted *some*, but all may be "helps." What we put first God has placed at the last—the *gift of tongues*.

29. Seven questions; the answer of many might be: "*No.*" "We leave that to our minister."

31. Gifts may be coveted and sought, but *love is greater*.

CHAPTER XIII.

Love is the balance wheel of the Gospel, the main-spring of ministry.

1. Love gives light without making a noise about it.

VERSE

2. Love is known by her big heart, not by her big head.

3. Love always gives the best she has,—*herself.*

4. Love was *born to suffer.* In giving life to others she is *consumed.*

5. Love is courteous, retiring, even-tempered and unsuspicious.

6. Guileless herself, she rejoices in thinking the best of others.

7. Beareth all: Others give out, she grows stronger. Believeth all: Never gets to the end of her faith. Hopeth all: The fire on her altar never goes out. Endureth all: Wears well, because divinely nourished.

8. When others fail, she just begins to live. Our lives are measured by our *love*, not labor.

Faith looks at Jesus as the *absent* one.

Hope looks for Jesus as the *coming* one.

Love communes with Him as the *present* one.

Faith is the root, hope the stem, love the fruit.

10. Our heart may be perfect, though our head be weak and our walk crooked.

11. In thought, speech and understanding few get beyond childhood.

12. We will not use glasses or need teachers, when He comes.

13. Faith will be turned to sight, hope to glad reality, but *love will be immortal.*

CHAPTER XIV.

VERSE

1. Love and spiritual gifts are desirable, but teaching is greatly needed.

2. Our wisdom is of little help to others unless we can impart it.

3. The object of teaching is to edify, instruct, build up.

8. Powerful testimony: What we have seen and heard.

9. You cannot make clear to others what is doubtful to you.

12. One don't edify much who has not had much trouble in learning.

15. Prayer and praise must be *in the Spirit* to reach God, and in the *understanding* to reach the hearts of the people.

19. Five words for edification are better than a thousand for display.

25. You cannot have *rich testimony* without *deep experience.*

33. When the Spirit leads a meeting, there is no need of men.

34. Woman's sphere is wide and blessed, but not to be public.

36. Some would think they were the author, to hear them speak. The Word is from God to us, let us bow to it.

37. The more spiritual we are, the more we value the Book.

38. Covet to teach, but be sure you get your wisdom from above.

CHAPTER XV.

In the death of Christ, our old life of responsibility is ended. In the resurrection of Christ, our *new life begins*. His *walk* on earth, the measure and pattern of ours. His *place* before God, the measure of our blessing.

VERSE

1. Saved *through* grace, standing *by* grace, shining *in* grace.

4. A risen Christ is the Corner Stone of the Gospel.

6. His resurrection is the pledge and proof of ours.

7. When God raised Him, He gave a receipt in full for all.

9. Persecutor turned preacher. The greatest of sinners makes the greatest of saints.

10. I am not what I *ought* to be or *hope* to be, but what I am is *all of grace*.

12. Deny the resurrection and you deny the very foundation.

14. All faith, all preaching, all hope centers in this one fact.

16. If Christ is dead, *so are we*, and yet in our sins.

19. Heavenly hopes grow brighter as earthly hope dies.

20. Christ risen, a sample of what is in store for us.

21. We share in the first man's defeat, and the second man's victory.

VERSE

22. No life outside of Christ. In Him only we live.

23. Between these two advents, already 1800 years have passed.

24. The King will not come, until He receives the kingdom. Only *one will in Heaven*, and one day shall be on earth.

25. *At* His feet, His friends; *under* His feet, His foes.

28. God shall have the first place and the Son be subject.

29. Baptism has no meaning, if there be no resurrection.

30. Those baptized were in danger of being put to death.

32. If there is no future life, better make the most of this.

34. Even in this life righteousness and truth are safe paths.

36. All nature teaches that life springs out of death.

37. The body sown is *like* the body raised, but not the same.

38. Bodies suited to our earthly state could not live in Heaven.

39. All bodies adapted to their conditions and surroundings.

40. Celestial bodies and terrestrial, as different as heaven and earth.

41. As stars differ in glory, so Christians differ in attainments and rewards.

VERSE

43. Our bodies will be *like His*, after His resurrection.

45. We gain *much more* in the new man than we lost in the old.

46. When nature fails and is set aside, the Spiritual asserts itself.

47. Both the first and second man are found in the believer.

49. Only in regeneration do we bear the heavenly image.

50. Flesh could not live in Heaven; nothing corrupt can enter there.

51. Renewed inwardly, we soon shall be outwardly.

52. Not all to die, but some will be alive when Jesus comes.

53. *Then* we shall be clothed upon, with our house from heaven.

54. Then raised out of the consequences of the fall.

55. No sting left; Jesus *took that away* when He died.

57. The victory is won, but Satan don't want us to know it.

58. Unceasing in activity, unmovable in stability. Fruit for God *every* year, and *all the year* round. Work *of* the Lord, and labor *in* the Lord, is never in vain.

NOTES.—None can be bright till he comes out of his own grave. The perfection of your new life comes after your funeral. Either we die to everything or *everything dies to us.*

CHAPTER XVI.

VERSE

2. The way to raise money: *Lay by*, on the first day of the week.

9. Wherever there is a great door, there is a *great adversary.*

10. Weakness much dwelt on here, but the Lord has power.

13. Four things here, like loops of blue and taches of gold.

15. Ministry *to* the saints, the highest kind of service.

19. Aquila and Priscilla supported themselves and sustained a church in their house.

22. Love to Christ the basis of all sound doctrine.

23. Such grace gives *power* to obey, *patience* to endure, and makes *obedience* easy and *suffering* light.

One may be *moral*, through love of *himself.*

One may be *benevolent*, through love to his *fellows.*

One may be *orthodox*, through love of *dogma.*

One may be *religious*, through love of *sect*, and yet have no *real* love for the *person of Christ.*

II. CORINTHIANS.

CHAPTER I.

VERSE

3. Father of mercies and Comforter in affliction.

4. We ought not to be so desirous of getting *rid* of trouble as to be *sanctified by it*, comforted in it, and thus be enabled to comfort others.

6. We can bring others no nearer than we are ourselves.

7. In suffering *for* Christ, we have the consolation *of* Christ.

9. God works best when man is weakest and in the dust.

10. He delivers from everything,—past, present and future.

12. God's power is first manifested *for* His saints, afterward *through* them.

20. No promise to unbelievers: nothing to those out of Christ. Not all the promises are sight drafts; some are dated ahead.

21. First, stablished in Christ; then anointed with power for service. Priesthood is neither human, educational or hereditary.

22. The Spirit is a seal to God and the earnest to us. The witness of the Spirit cannot be separated from the testimony of the word.

CHAPTER II.

VERSE

14. Christ triumphs most in us when self is defeated.

15. God confounds Satan and his counsels by *giving*, in righteousness and grace, what Satan offered to man in unrighteousness and rebellion, and takes to Himself all the honor and glory.

16. Our influence is for life or death, for truth or against it.

17. Man's touch corrupts everything that he handles. God's Word is *corrupted* by the *carnal* mind; *rationalized* by the *worldly* wise man; *mutilated* by the *skeptical* mind; *mystified* by the *superstitious* mind; *perverted* by the *fanatical* mind.

CHAPTER III.

2. Christians are about the only Bible that the world reads. Silent epistles sometimes: not known and *heard* of all men.

3. What the Spirit writes on the heart cannot be erased.

5. The same power that empties us can fill us.

6. True ministry teaches the *Spirit* of the word.

7. The law was glorious, even as a ministration of death.

9. The gospel was more glorious in bringing *life* to believers.

VERSE

13. Moses did not look at the glory. We behold His face *unveiled.*

15. Judicial blindness falls on all who reject Christ.

17. The Spirit of the Lord gives us four-fold liberty. (1) Liberty from the power and condemnation of sin. (2) Liberty from the practice of sin to a life of holiness. (3) Liberty from the bondage of law and its curse. (4) Liberty from the power and dominion of the flesh.

18. As a photograph reflects the face, so we reflect His image. We grow to be *like* Him, as we are occupied *with* Him.

CHAPTER IV.

1. Ministry *for* Christ can only come *from* Christ.

2. Handling deceitfully. Putting a false construction on it.

3. Manifesting truth by a holy life is the best ministry.

4. When the enemy can't shut our eyes he throws dust in them.

5. Instead of obscuring the cross, we should hide behind it.

6. The same word that gave light to the world, enlightens us. We see the *power* of God in the works of creation. We see the *justice* of God in the tables of the law. We see the *glory* of God in the face of Jesus Christ. His arm of power is blessed, but we want His heart of love.

VERSE

7. This treasure is in earthen vessels, made out of the ground. The more we know of the weakness of the vessel, the more we shall know the power and glory of the treasure.

8. He often has to *break* the pitcher, that the light may shine out.

9. The adversary's power is limited, his time is short.

10. To live the life of Christ, we must keep the body under.

11. As the animal in us dies, the spiritual life will be manifested.

12. We want more dying, not more energy of the flesh.

13. The more we are enlightened the more light we will give.

14. The same resurrection awaits us as our Lord.

15. Nothing can really be against us. He is over all. The storms are only on the outside, we are safe *with* Him.

16. What is destruction to the outward, renews the *inward* man.

17. Those who look on God's face do not feel the stroke of His hand. Put your afflictions alongside the glory and they will seem light.

18. As we draw near the unseen world, things change color. One glimpse of heaven forever changed Paul's vision.

CHAPTER V.

VERSE

1. This Tabernacle or earthly house was only built for time. Our house from heaven will be for Eternity.

2. Most people groan at the thought of leaving the body. Paul groaned because he wanted to change houses.

3. Three states are mentioned here: The present, *clothed* state; the intermediate, or *unclothed;* the eternal, *clothed upon.*

4. He did not wish to die, lay off the body and be naked or unclothed, but wanted the Lord to come and clothe him with his *new body.*

5. God never condemns or finds fault with His own workmanship. His work *for* us was on the cross; His work *in* us by His spirit.

8. Strange that we do not long to be in His presence more.

9. Walking with Him here, we should be readier to go there. Accepted *in* Him, we should labor to be accepted *of* Him.

10. Only Christians will appear at the judgment seat of Christ. As sinners we are delivered from judgment, but as servants or laborers we give an account.

11. Knowing the terror awaiting men, we would win all to Him.

14. Having life *in* Him, we are to die to all *but* Him.

15. The Christ-life is unselfish and ready to die for others.

VERSE

16. Spiritual ties are stronger than any human relationships.

17. Christ did not come to *mend* the world, but to *take men out* of it. Satan don't object to morality or charity, but the *new man*. In the new creation, God is both center and mainspring.

18. Sin must be disposed of, but our God is never reconciled to sin.

19. Man is the one that needs to be reconciled, not God. The only instrument of reconciliation is the word of God.

20. He represents us above, we ought to represent Him below.

21. We exchange places. He took our place, we take His. God now thinks of us, as He does of His own dear Son.

CHAPTER VI.

1. Ambassadors *for* Christ and workers *with* Christ. His grace saves first, then teaches, strengthens and enriches.

3. A model minister like his Master, inoffensive in person.

4 to 10. Twenty-eight characteristics of a true servant of God. Sevenfold *suffering*, sevenfold *service*, sevenfold *endurance*, sevenfold *results*.

4. We may not expect an easier road than our Master trod.

5. His credentials won in the school of suffering.

VERSE

6. Unfeigned love. "As I have loved you"—unmeasured love.

7. Divine filling only awaits self-emptying.

8. Honored above though rejected below. True to God and His word.

9. Dying to things of earth, He lived the life of heaven.

10. Nothing of His own, yet overflowing in wealth to others.

14. An unequal yoke influences life, character and testimony. Four phases of the unequal yoke, hindering discipleship:

(1) *Domestic;* marriage of believers and unbelievers, going different ways.

(2) *Commercial;* partnership with ungodly men with worldly principles.

(3) *Religious;* joining with gamblers, drunkards, theatre-goers and revelers.

(4) *Philanthropic;* uniting with God's enemies in reform movements.

15. Things so opposite, have nothing in common and God can't own. In the last three verses, *seven* promises to separated people. First, a *command*, "Come ye out and be separate." Second, a *promise*, "I will receive you and ye shall be my sons."

17. Satan will agree to anything, if you will leave out Christ. You can't afford to barter the friendship of God for enemies of the Cross; God's temple must be clean. He won't share

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it with idols. Marry a child of the devil, and you will have trouble with your father-in-law.

18. No power in your testimony, while in a position of compromise. You may be called narrow, intolerant, bigoted, but be *true to Him.* We are separated by the *call* of God, the *cross* of Christ, and the *work* of the spirit. We have no need of the world's riches, wisdom, pleasure or society. To be a son of God is to be a separate man down here, but an heir of heaven and soon to be a pillar in the temple of God.

CHAPTER VII.

1. A Christian should have a clean body as well as a clean heart. The blood has made us clean, the word will keep us clean.

2. If received of God, we ought to be by all that love Him.

8. Love can rebuke and smite, and use the knife when necessary.

9. Peter had *godly* sorrow; he went to the cross and was forgiven.

10. Judas had *worldly* sorrow, and went out and hung himself.

11. Seven elements or fruits of sorrow in this verse.

12. Flesh must be put to death, that the spirit life may grow.

14. Through emptiness to fullness, from humility to exaltation.

CHAPTER VIII.

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1. Love delights to give. Joy in the Lord and liberality go together. Bodies and lives first, then our money.

5. A truly consecrated life means also a consecrated pocketbook. No warrant in God's word for taking money from the ungodly.

7. One of the highest and rarest of graces is the grace of giving.

9. He took our poverty and gave us His riches. He had nothing that we might have all things. He took the lowest place that we might have the highest. Our riches are both unsearchable and eternal.

12. Not what we do, but what we *would* do, if we could.

14. A man faithful to God will be charitable to men. If we keep things straight between us and the throne, there will be no trouble about the altar or offerings down here.

21. Don't keep two sets of books; all belongs to Him.

24. Give proof of our discipleship and high calling by holy living.

CHAPTER IX.

6. Our spare sowing accounts for spare harvesting and reaping. We cannot rob God or nature, and *not suffer* for it.

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7. What is given to please men has no value in God's sight. Only what is given from the heart satisfies His heart.

8. Abounding grace *to* us should abound to others *through* us.

9. What is laid *out* for God here is laid *up* for us there.

12. Thank God that He gives to you, so you may give to others.

13. We share their prayers, while they share our blessings.

CHAPTER X.

2. Though we live *in* the flesh, we need not live *to* the flesh.

3. Our warfare, weapons and enemies are all spiritual.

4. The only sword we carry is the Word of God. We take sides with Christ, against self, the world and the devil.

5. Rule thought and imagination or they will rule you. Where God has spoken, we have no right to think. If truly one with Him, His thoughts will be our thoughts.

8. Boasting occurs more in this epistle than in all the rest.

13. The word is God's standard and our only rule.

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15. Faith increases as we know more of Him. In *Passiveness*, resting only *in* the Lord.

Dependence, trusting wholly *to* the Lord.

Firmness, believing nothing *but* the Word.

Constancy, always looking *for* the Lord.

Simplicity, receiving everything *from* the Lord.

Activity, working only *with* the Lord.

Extent, growing from strength to strength, from grace to glory.

16. Good motto for the Evangelist, "the regions beyond."

17. Don't glory in riches, wisdom or strength, but "*in the Lord.*"

CHAPTER XI.

2. A faithful wife is contented with her Lord.

3. Don't be deceived by wealth, learning or influence.

4. Look out for counterfeits. *Jesus of old* is not popular. He testified against sin and would not compromise with evil.

9. True apostles care for the sheep, they are not after the fleece.

13. Satan always finds willing ministers, imitators of Christ. When God was manifest in the flesh, Satan took human form; when the spirit was given, He was transformed into an angel of light.

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15. His ministers text, generally the *righteousness of works.*

18. If any flesh could glory, Paul had a right to boast. Head and shoulders above his fellows, he could manage any business, outwit an officer, master any lawyer, sail a ship, quell a mob and make kings tremble on the throne.

23. He was greatly used, because *greatly bruised.* He suffered almost to the limit of human endurance.

29. Physical strength set aside to make way for the Divine.

30. When a man is in Christ, all Satan can do is to worry him. Faith learns deepest lessons through deepest difficulties. Thickest clouds bring heaviest showers of blessing.

CHAPTER XII.

Trials will be our stars and medals when Jesus comes. Jacob was crippled before he got the blessing. Paul afterward. One needed to have his *will* broken, the other his *pride.*

2. The third heaven is the place to learn God's thoughts.

4. No danger up there, only when we come down *amongst brethren.* The deeper our experience, the harder it is to tell others.

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7. A thorn in the flesh may keep pride out of the heart. Spiritual pride is more dangerous than the lusts of the flesh. The thorns are *given.* They don't happen; they are as necessary as the string to a kite to keep one down. Flesh is flesh in Paul or Peter. The third heaven don't cure it.

8. If our prayers were always answered, God's purposes would be defeated. His power and grace better than changed circumstances.

9. Where there is danger of fever, a low diet is needed. After the lesson is learned, the thorn may be removed.

10. To take pleasure in what God wills and sends is rest. His sympathy in trial, better than deliverance from trial. To make us like Himself, He must take His own way.

12. The chief of sinners is so made into the chief of Saints.

14. Love's reward: Dying for others, getting nothing in return.

20. Sorrow we shall always have, in fellowship or discipline.

21. The best way to keep Satan out is to let the Lord in.

CHAPTER XIII.

3. A true minister is the mouthpiece of Christ, not of a sect or creed. His character, Christ-like; His message, in the power of the Holy Ghost.

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5. One way to prove ourselves, by the Word.

8. Our opposition or failure only establishes the truth. Truth will prevail, for truth is God and God is truth.

14. Grace is our heritage now, glory bye and bye.

His grace to strengthen.	His arms to carry.
His love to cheer.	His eye to watch.
His power to keep.	His mind to think.
His peace to rule.	His heart to feel.
His joy to fill.	His face to shine.
His hands to bless.	His glory to share.

We have all His fullness.

EPISTLE TO THE GALATIANS.

This epistle treats of law and grace, works and faith, Moses and Christ. The Galatians were rebuked, not for gross sins, but slipping away from Christ. Liberty of Sonship is here contrasted with bondage to law. In this Epistle you will notice the absence of three things: Singing, praying, and the coming of the Lord. Souls under law have no relish for His presence or return.

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4. An epitome of the Epistle. If He gave Himself for me, then all I have belongs to Him and all He has belongs to me. He takes my sins and I take His righteousness. As Israel was delivered from Egypt, so He delivers us from sin, self and the world. Salvation before the flood was to get inside the ark. Salvation in Lot's time was to get out of Sodom. Salvation now is not only from Hell, but this evil world.

6. Paul begins the controversy at once, and challenges their fidelity.

8. The gospel he preached was a crucified, risen and coming Christ. The first in the Gospels, the second in the Epistles, the third in Revelation.

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9. A dangerous business, to put your finger on the word of God.

10. You can't please men and be used much in service for Christ.

12. Paul was divinely ordained and took His orders from headquarters.

13. Persecuted and wasted the Church once, and profited by it.

14. The less one knows of truth, the more zealous for tradition.

15. Long separated and called of God, yet did not know it.

17. He received his human teaching at the feet of Gamaliel, but his Divine equipment at God's school in Arabia.

CHAPTER II.

2. Paul's movements were directed from heaven. He did not go unsent.

4. Among the worst enemies of the truth are false brethren.

5. Ready to sacrifice Himself, but never the truth.

6. But one person whom God accepts, and *we are in Him.*

8. To each his work. Peter to the Jew, Paul to the Gentile.

9. Those who have the Spirit recognize the Spirit in others.

11. We must withstand error even among great leaders. Teachers of circumcision were

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consistent, for it and keeping the law go together; one cuts the flesh, the other restrains it.

16. No one kept the law but Jesus. Safety from its penalty only in Him. A man is justified *wholly* by Christ's work, or *not at all.* The law not given to make men bad, but show how bad they are.

18. Done with the old man and his works; our life is now in the new man.

19. Law nails sinners to the cross, grace takes their place; Christ stands between us and the Judge; He sees us *in Him.* He who became my living substitute is now my personal surety; I died in Him and with Him, and now live by grace and faith in Him.

20. My *hands* are crucified and have ceased from my own *works.* My *feet* are crucified and I no longer go my own *way.* My *side* is crucified and my *affections* flow out only to Him. My *head* is crucified and thought and *intellect* are *subject to His* word.

21. "If legislation could have saved the world, Moses would have been the Christ."

CHAPTER III.

In this chapter we find set forth *seven* things that the law cannot do. It cannot give the Spirit (2). Cannot make perfect (3). Cannot work miracles (5). Cannot justify (11). Cannot disannul the promises (17). Cannot give any inheritance (18). Cannot give life (7).

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1. Satan's aim is to put something between us and Christ.

3. What nature canonizes God condemns. Flesh cannot please Him.

6. The more simply we take God at His word, the more closely we resemble Abraham.

8. We get the same blessing and by the same means—faith.

10. We are all under the curse; all have failed and come short.

11. Law was never intended to be the ground of justification.

13. Christ took our place, redeeming us from every claim of the law.

14. God gave us *to* Christ, chose us *in* Christ, redeemed us *by* Christ. Redeemed *from* the curse, redeemed *by* grace, redeemed *to* holiness.

17. God's covenant promise is not broken, only postponed.

18. The inheritance cannot be of law and promise together.

19. Law came after the promise, added like a whip to a harness.

21. Law tells us we are crooked, but does not make us straight. Law shows us we are defiled, but does not make us clean. Law is a plumb line to show how far we are out of the way.

22. All are under sin, condemnation and the curse.

24. School is now out and the schoolmaster dismissed.

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25. Now by faith we are promoted to a *higher* room.

26. Only those who have faith in Christ are children of God.

27. *Into* and *on* mean that we are *covered* and *hid* by Him.

28. In Him all distinctions of sex or condition are obliterated.

29. The only basis of sonship and heirship is redemption.

CHAPTER IV.

1. A child and heir must be a servant till he comes to manhood.

3. So we are under law and bondage till released by Christ.

4. Jewish law was not permanent, only intended for a time. He, born of a woman and under law; so were we. He is now on high for us, and we are in Him there.

5. We are taken out of the servants' place and made sons.

6. He gives us the Spirit, hope and place of sons. Sons in nature and privilege, like the prodigal.

7. Heirs of God, we share in all the Father has.

9. We ought to act like sons, not live in the servants' quarters.

10. The religion of nature and of ordinances is not of Christ.

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11. Paul could not approve; he makes no request for their prayers.

12. Our standing in Christ is the same, our state is different.

16. Love must rebuke, even if legal souls dislike it.

19. Spiritual fatherhood is one of constant care and suffering.

20. Their attitude and action, both questionable and perplexing.

22. Law and grace were exemplified in the two sons of Abraham. Sarah must be fruitless till her own strength is gone. Fruit for God can only be in death and resurrection.

23. If flesh has anything to do, promise is shut out. If man has anything to do, God is shut out. Man and his doings must be put away before God accomplishes His purposes.

24. Hagar represents the working of the flesh; that cannot please God.

25. Israel's history is God's commentary on the gospel of works.

26. The new Jerusalem, the home of the free; all saved by grace.

27. Israel, barren now, shall multiply and fill the earth.

28. We, like Isaac, are children of resurrection, according to promise.

29. Law cannot praise, only persecute, condemn and curse.

30. Isaac and Ishmael cannot live in the same

house; law and grace cannot rule in the same heart. One must go.

31. If born of God, we are free and debtors to grace alone.

CHAPTER V.

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1. *Liberty in Christ* is *seven*-fold, He having made us—

Free from the *slavery* of Satan.
Free from the *guilt* and dominion of sin.
Free from the *bondage* and curse of law.
Free from the *fear of death.*
Free to come into His presence.
Free to enjoy His service.
Free to enjoy the place of sons.

Stand fast in this liberty; maintain it. Christ's yoke is enough. For the bondage of will, mind and heart, we find deliverance in God, His word and His love.

3. If under law, *keep it all.* You are cursed if you break *one link.*

4. You may fall from grace; you have already fallen if you are trying to keep the law; but you cannot fall from eternal life. One born of God has His life and *cannot die.*

5. We are done with the world and waiting for glory now. Glory the object of our hope; Christ the object of our souls.

6. The only works that find merit in heaven are works of love.

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7. None but an evil spirit will lead contrary to the word.

9. A little evil will soon corrupt the whole mass.

10. Satan sure to help his nearest relative,—the flesh.

11. Come down to the world's level and the offense of the cross ceases.

12. Smooth words will not do, when the glory of God is at stake.

13. Grand to have liberty, but grander to use it in loving service.

14. The spirit of the law is written in one word "love." Such love not natural; the spirit only can give the supernatural.

16. To walk in the spirit is to live high above the flesh.

17. Two families in one house, contrary and conflicting; when one takes the place of death, the conflict ceases.

18. All leading of the Spirit is according to the word.

19. Works of the flesh (19). Evil is always more prolific than good.

20. Do not feed the flesh; keep the old nature under.

21. Flesh, or its works, finds no sympathy with God.

22. All fruit for God must first come from God. Christ reproduced in our lives, the fruit He seeks.

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24. What we do for Him, the result of what He is doing for us.

25. To live in the Spirit, we must die to the flesh. If we bear fruit for God there will not be any for self. Fruit shows what we are, work what we *do*.

CHAPTER VI.

1. One cannot restore others who has not been restored.

2. The law of Christ is the law of sacrifice. The man who carries burdens of his own is most ready to give others a lift. Burdens for Christ are never carried alone; He shares them.

4. The only thing to prove our work by is the word.

5. There are some sorrows that even brethren cannot share. Go never so high in self-denial, the cross of Christ is higher.

6. Withhold not, from your teachers, sympathy and support.

7. No mistakes in His bookkeeping. We wear what we weave. There are no pardons in nature, no reform in eternity. Sins may be forgiven, but scars remain and seeds grow.

8. The *cross* shows us what God thought of sin.

9. Those who sow in time shall reap in eternity, and those who weep with men shall rejoice with angels.

10. Live for good: first to God's people, then to the world.

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12. Do not sacrifice truth to avoid making trouble.

14. We glory in the cross; its power to condemn is gone. By it, every link that bound us to the world is broken. By it, we are delivered from a life of sin, and it stands between us and a crucified world; that for us was ended eighteen hundred years ago. To return to that world now, is to trample on the cross and deny our Lord.

15. A new creation is the central thought of Revelation.

16. The rule and pattern for a Christian life is Christ.

17. The bored ear, pierced brow, torn side, and nailed hands and feet are the *marks of the Lord Jesus.*

EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS.

The first three chapters show us our *standing in Christ;* the last three, the character of our *walk* and *warfare.* We have *everything* in Christ; all we need is to *lay hold of it.* There is no limit to our blessings, because we are in Him.

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3. The quality, quantity, location and security of our blessings. He puts us in the highest place, and maintains us there.

4. Israel was chosen *from*, we *before*, the foundation of the world.

5. Predestinated to look, act and walk like our Father.

6. Acceptance and grace now, glory is awaiting us.

7. Redemption as eternal as the blood. No measure or end. Blood is the ground, and grace the standard of forgiveness

9. The will opened and mystery made known; our names are in the Book.

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10. In His own time and way, He will head up all things in Christ. We who partake of His nature will then share His glory.

11. Strangers here, our citizenship and inheritance is in Heaven. His love a richer endowment than all the glory of His Kingdom.

12. What was Israel's hope is now the portion of the church.

13. As dead sinners we are quickened, as living saints we are sealed. The Spirit is a seal to God, and an earnest to the believer; the seal abides forever, the Spirit until the day of redemption.

14. The fall was the cradle of our blessings; we get more in redemption than was possible in Creation. God gives in righteousness and grace through Christ, what Satan tempted man to take in unrighteousness and rebellion.

16. Paul prays that we may know our true place in God's counsels.

17. Though high in position, we are often low in attainment. We *have* all, but *know* little, and shall always need to learn.

18. We know Him as the rejected, but shall soon see Him glorified. On the cross He was seen in weakness, in the clouds He will come in glory. *His* inheritance is *in the saints; our* inheritance *is in Him.*

19. His power is our security. He is able to do all He promised.

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20. He who was of no reputation is now Head over all.

22. He gave up all things, but will soon have all things under His feet.

23. Head of the body—separated now, but Head and body to be united when He comes.

CHAPTER II.

1. All men are guilty, but how few admit that they are *lost.* All know they are sinful, but few acknowledge they are *dead.* Nothing to do with a dead man but to bury him.

2. Walking in the road to death—slaves of the destroyer.

3. Licentiousness and spiritual pride equally hateful to God. The lusts of the flesh and desires of the mind are both evil.

4. The riches of His mercy and depth of His love too vast for man.

5. Once dead *in sins;* now, in Christ, dead *to* sin. If we have been crucified with Christ, we are also quickened.

6. Raised together, seated together, we can look back on what we were. We never read of angels sitting down in His presence.

7. It will take Eternity to tell the riches of His grace.

8. Faith is the gift of God. John 6: 65; Phil. 1: 29.

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9. If man had anything to do with salvation, to that extent God would be robbed of His glory.

10. We are His workmanship from beginning to end. He will not find fault with His own work. When He created us He had only to *speak;* when He redeemed us, to *suffer.* As subjects of such grace, how carefully we should walk.

11. The Jew was under the curse of a broken law, and the Gentile under the sentence of a righteous Judge.

12. Then godless and hopeless, strangers and foreigners; but *now* brought into a nearer place than Israel.

14. Hatred gone, love lives and triumphs in an endless peace. Excluded from the earthly Jerusalem, received into the new.

15. Ordinances and commandments done away. Peace is only in the *new* man.

16. The unity of His character demands the unity of His people.

17. Wherever there is a living faith, there is a living temple.

18. The Spirit of God must have a spiritual house.

19. In this building, God is the architect, the Holy Ghost the builder, Jesus Christ the corner stone, the apostles and prophets foundation stones, believers the living stones or materials from which it is built; plans and specifications are furnished by the Word of God.

The *Habitation* of God tells us of our *privilege.*

The *House* of God tells of our *responsibility.*

The *Temple* of God warns us of its *holy character.*

The *Assembly* of God tells of gathered *ones in His name.*

The church of God is now building, Israel remains to be built.

CHAPTER III.

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1. Paul a prisoner gives the truth, we as prisoners receive it. All truth must be suffered for, ploughed and ground into us.

2. This is the dispensation of the Holy Ghost, who is gathering out of all people a Bride for the Son.

3. A special apostle and special revelation necessary for this.

5. In the Old Testament this truth was hidden, though frequently hinted at in figure and type, but in proper time revealed by the Spirit in the New Testament.

6. Even Peter thought salvation was only for the Jew, and while he was used to bring the first Gentile to the knowledge of Christ, he only saw the dawning of the mystery proclaimed by Paul.

7. Paul was made a minister of Christ, not by a personal following on earth, but by a call from the risen and glorified Head in Heaven.

8. Least of saints, yet greatest of apostles as scholar and writer.

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9. That the church should be *for* Christ, *like* Christ, *in* Christ and *with* Christ.

10. The world and flesh cannot understand; only those to whom *it is given.* To understand heavenly things, you must live in heavenly places. To know the mind of the Spirit, you must be *in* the Spirit.

11. Although a new truth, not new in the mind of God, but His eternal purpose.

13. One could afford to suffer for such an exalted privilege.

15. The two members of this one family typified in the promises to Abraham, that his seed should be as the sand and stars for number.

16. The more the outer man is crucified, the more the inner man is strengthened.

17. Christ is a dweller not a visitor; He cannot live in a divided heart. His love without limit or end, and has neither bottom or shore.

18. Christ *in me*, the depth. I in Christ, the height.

19. His love beyond knowledge. His glory above thought. His fullness only limited by our capacity and spiritual attainment. You cannot put the ocean in a cup, but can put a cup in the ocean.

20. What He *has for* us, is all laid up in Christ. What He *is to* us, we shall continue to learn throughout Eternity.

CHAPTER IV.

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1. After putting us in the heavenlies, He brings us down to the kitchen and the shop. You cannot take too high a place in Him, or too low a place in self; first know our place in Him, then walk worthy of Him.

2. The higher our calling, the humbler should be our walk.

3. *Seven unities*, and we are to maintain them all. The unity of the body is made; we are to try to keep the unity of the Spirit. Even a saved man may not be in the Spirit. You can put a man out of the house, but not out of the body.

4. Three marks of *the* body are these: 1st, *Authority*, the Word of God. 2nd, *Power*, only in the Holy Ghost. 3rd, *Discipline*, according to the Scriptures.

7. The grace that saves also provides gifts for the body.

9. He descended in grace, He ascended in triumph.

10. First fulfilling all righteousness, now filling all things.

11. Apostles and prophets were for the foundation and have passed away. Three groups here, like the three pairs or branches of the golden candlestick. 1st, *Evangelists*, to preach the gospel to the unsaved. 2nd, *Pastors*, for the per-

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fecting of the saints, the care of the sheep. 3rd, *Teachers*, for the building up and edifying of the body.

12. A true teacher will ever be found in the learner's place.

13. First, *life through* Christ, then *growth in* Him. His fullness our measure.

14. No right to human opinions; God speaks, that is enough.

15. Our standing is settled, but there is plenty of room for growth.

16. Every member is necessary to a complete and healthy body; every part is first joined together, then bound together.

17. We are to walk according to His mind, not our will.

18. Blind, ignorant, darkened, alienated from the life of God.

19. You cannot be a Christian and continue in a life of sin.

21. Christ is both teacher and doctrine to those who believe.

22. If we live on mercy we shall show it to others; put off the old man. No flesh allowed in the heavenly places.

23. Renewed first in heart, and then in conduct.

24. The new man is more than righteous, holy and true.

26. One may be angry and not give way to it, or commit sin.

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28. The true object of labor, not to lay up, but to *give to the needy.*

29. Our speech should be gracious, our conversation edifying.

30. Only a *saint* can *grieve* the Spirit of God; sinners *resist* Him. We are sealed and none but God can break the seal.

31. Put away everything that is unlike Him.

32. The ground of our forgiveness to others: because *we have been* forgiven. One who has been saved *by* grace, can afford to act *in* grace.

CHAPTER V.

1. Follow Him. Wherever you see the blood, there you may go.

2. As he loved and walked, the measure of our love and walk.

4. In word and deed we ought to be like our Father.

5. One who makes a god of money or pleasure, cannot know Christ. The idolatry of the present day is covetousness or love of money. Mammon is the rival of God for men's hearts.

6. Whoever rejects His love, may expect His wrath.

7. Walking in the light, all such things will be hateful.

8. Light is the atmosphere of faith, no growth in the dark. What darkness is, best known by those who walk in the light.

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9. Anything that will not bear the word cannot be a fruit of the Spirit.

11. Our lives ought to be a continual condemnation of sin. The best way to reprove a thing is to keep away from it. The virgin bride of Christ cannot company with harlots.

13. Better test our works now than wait for the judgment seat of Christ.

14. Life, light, liberty only found in the Lord's service.

15. Christ is our wisdom; His word our guide. We need not err.

16. Make up for lost time, the days are few and going rapidly.

18. Do not ask for more of the Spirit, let the Spirit have more of you; a broken vessel will always be full if kept under the fountain.

19. None but a regenerate soul can make melody for God.

20. We have always reason to give thanks that it is as well with us.

22. Christian marriage is a miniature reflection of the mystery of Christ. No bill of divorce can be drawn against her who has been redeemed by grace. Israel, after the flesh, married under the law, could be put away; on the other hand, the church, in the Spirit, married in grace, cannot be divorced. Adam received Eve through a deep sleep; so Christ received His bride, the church, through death and resurrection.

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26. God's Word the only power to cleanse the soul. The blood makes us clean, the word keeps us clean; as the priests washed in the brazen laver, before entering the Holy place, so we must wash in the water of the word to maintain our priestly place of communion.

27. Nourished and cherished now, presented holy, without blemish, when He comes.

28. Adam loved his wife in her beauty, Christ loved us in our degredation.

30. He cannot do without a member. He will not allow a bone to be lost.

31. Nothing can touch a member without affecting the head. Adam gave up Eden for Eve; Jesus gave up heaven for us. The one occupation of the bride, waiting for her husband. How can she keep company with those who murdered her Lord.

33. Love and reverence the two pillars of a Christian home.

NOTE.—There are four brides in Genesis, each a type of the church, and each obtained through suffering. We read that Adam died, not Eve; the church *never dies*, but will be caught up in the air to meet her Lord. Eve becomes a bride through deep sleep and the riven side of Adam. Rebekah became a bride of Isaac, after his death and resurrection in figure. Rachel became bride of Jacob, after long suffering and weary waiting. Asenath became bride of Joseph during his rejection by his brethren. So we become the bride of Christ, while He is rejected by Israel, His chosen people.

CHAPTER VI.

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1. Obedience is the law of the sanctuary, the rule of the house.

2. Our first care should be to educate our children for heaven.

3. God's recipe for a long life. He honors those who honor their parents.

7. Our body is not risen, but our mind is risen in Him. The risen mind should use and control the body.

8. We shall be rewarded for what we tried to do, even if we failed; our work and walk should be in accord with our standing. *Simplicity in* Christ the best preparation for *fidelity to* Christ.

10. Boldness for truth in all ages requires special help from above. The battle is *His*, not ours. He furnishes the weapons. Satan is not and cannot be against the natural man. Subjection to God and His word, our sole defense against the enemy.

11. We are as much called to a holy warfare as to a holy walk; whoever is the enemy of God is our enemy. Satan's wiles are more dangerous than his darts, such as—

Leading us to doubt our acceptance.
Fear of losing eternal life.
Depreciating our standing in Christ.
Bringing us into legal bondage.
Aiming at perfection in the flesh.
Lifting us up with spiritual pride.
Making more of faith than Christ.
Using our liberty as Christians for license.

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12. The conflicts of God's people accord with their calling—heavenly.

13. We are never called to drive out enemies. *He* will do that. Our business is simply to stand fight and overcome.

14. Use the word of truth, for Satan is a liar and deceiver. The righteousness in which we stand before God will enable us to stand before any enemy on earth.

15. Feet shod with the Gospel can stand where others fall.

16. All the darts of the adversary are tipped in unbelief.

17. The helmet of salvation—a proper sense of our standing in Christ. The sword is not ours, but His. Safely wielded by the lowly. First use it on self before you try it on others.

18. Prayer in the Spirit is the seal, spring and power of ministry.

19. Not enough to know the truth, boldness required to speak it.

EPISTLE TO THE PHILIPPIANS.

Here Christ is found the believer's *life*, *pattern*, *object*, *strength*. Christ spoken of fifty-four times here; joy and rejoicing eighteen times; *sin not mentioned.*

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3. *No reproof* here. Paul writes as a father to his children.

5. They shared with him in his efforts to spread the Gospel.

6. God never began a work that He did not complete. The work *for us* is finished; the work *in us* is *going on*. Salvation does not depend on our feelings or doings, but on His faithfulness.

9. Abundant love, nice perception, keen judgment, quick sense.

10. Try, prove all things, give no offense, be sincere and true.

12. He always wins who sides with God. Results are no evidence of success.

13. Paul saw Christ in everything; even his bonds helped the cause.

14. There is prison and sick-bed service, as well as in the field.

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16. If the work prospers, I do; if Christ is glorified, I am content.

17. The one thing Paul lived, fought and died for,—the gospel.

18. True preaching is not simply about Christ, but Christ Himself.

20. His life an imitation, exhibition, exaltation of Christ.

21. Christ his example, the object and power of his life.

22. In dying, he gained Christ; in living, he served Him.

23. He longed to be in heaven, but knew he was needed on earth.

24. Desired not deliverance, enjoyment or the crown, but the person.

25. Not so much where a man is, as what kind of a man he is. Some of his grandest work done while in prison.

27. We have but one standard to live or walk by; the Gospel of Christ.

29. Obedience, in the Old Testament brought blessing; in new, tribulation, a privilege to believe, a greater privilege, to suffer for His sake.

CHAPTER II.

1. Four motives to four duties: Let your consolation, comfort, fellowship and sympathy in Christ make you like-minded and loving.

2. One Spirit ought to make us of one heart and mind.

VERSE

3. See the evil in yourself, and all the good you can in others.

4. Ambition in a Christian is a contradiction of the mind of Christ.

5. Mightiest work that we can do: copy the mind of our Lord.

6. He acted out His own doctrine, and took the lowest place.

7. He made Himself nothing, God made Him everything. Self-exaltation is of Satan; self-abasement is of Christ.

8. Take the place of a worm, and you will not mind being trampled on.

9. Rejected below, He was accepted above; humbled here and exalted there.

10. Lord in three spheres,—two yet to be reconciled.

11. All will confess, but many when it shall be too late.

12. Do not lean on Paul or man, lean on God, who is always with you. They were saved already; read the first verse of the first chapter. Work *from* salvation, not *for* it. It is *in* you, now *work it out.*

13. All work or worship that God accepts is what He inspires.

14. What we do depends upon what we are; what we are depends upon what we have received; and what we have received depends upon our association with Him.

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15. Preserved blameless and harmless; presented faultless and spotless. The light shines brightest in the darkest places. We are light-bearers and light-reflectors. No light in us, only in the word.

21. When the whole world seems selfish, look to Jesus.

25. Rather minister to Paul's wants like the Philippians, than question his ministry as did the Corinthians, or break his heart as the Galations did.

30. True ministry regards not life in the service of Christ.

CHAPTER III.

1. Rejoice in the Lord, not circumstances, attainments or surroundings.

2. A trinity of evil that constantly opposes the truth.

3. Three marks of a circumcised Christian: spiritual, joyful, unselfish.

4. Paul had a right to glory, for he was head and shoulders above all.

5. Seven things he gave up, and seven things he gained.

6. Blameless in the law, yet a persecutor of Christ and the church.

8. What the world adores and lives for, Paul trampled under his feet.

9. The wardrobe of a saint is the righteousness of God. Seven wishes of Paul to be found here.

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10. To know Him fully we must share in His death and resurrection.

12. He did not expect to comprehend, but lay hold of all he could.

13. A man of *one* idea, affection, ambition and passion. Loving only what God loved, forgetting all that God forgets, he aims for nothing less than *the prize* of the high calling.

14. We do not run *for* life, but for an *abundant* entrance, a *full* reward.

16. Do not make high professions and live in a low place. There are heights of Christian experience we have never reached; there are depths of the love of Christ we have never fathomed; treasures in God's Word we have never discovered; victories over sin that we have never won.

17. If we follow Paul, we must go through the same school:

(1) His *stripping* place—natural advantages—4th to 8th verses.

(2) His *clothing* place—righteousness of God—9th verse.

(3) His *learning* place—school of Christ—10th verse.

(4) His *running* place—the race course—12th to 15th verses.

(5) His *weeping* place—for sin and unbelief—18th verse.

(6) His *looking* place—the open heavens—20th verse.

(7) His *waiting* place—for a coming Lord—21st verse.

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18. Some of the professed friends of Christ may be His worst enemies.

20. If we are citizens above, we shall be strangers below, expecting nothing here; only waiting for our Lord from heaven.

21. His glorious body the pattern of our resurrection bodies.

CHAPTER IV.

1. With the Lord, our city of refuge, we can rejoice and stand fast.

2. Having one book and one teacher, we ought to have one mind.

3. There are hundreds of workers to one true yoke-fellow.

4. The more we realize what we have in Him, the more we will rejoice.

5. With a heart full of Christ, a hand full of this world will do. Nothing like the coming of the Lord to make us patient and moderate.

6. Careful for nothing; prayerful for everything; thankful for anything. Things to *pray* about, to *think* about, to *do*. 6, 8, 9.

7. With the peace *with* God about sin, comes the peace *of* God in communion.

8. A mind occupied with these things must reflect heaven itself.

9. God values more the work He does in us, than any work He may do *by* us. Lessons in keeping still bring out the softer tones of the

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divine likeness. He wants silent epistles to be read of men, as well as preachers to be heard of men.

12. To *have* nothing and *be* nothing is riches, quiet, rest. What He gives to-day is sufficient; what He withholds could not profit.

13. Able to do all things through Christ; without Him, nothing. He is equal to every emergency; His heart was large enough to take me in; His arm is strong enough to bear me up. Christ is our sufficiency; His word our complete directory; His Spirit our unfailing guide.

15. The Lord supplies, but uses human vessels to carry the material.

17. Their gifts were as much a blessing to themselves as to Paul.

19. An unconditional, unlimited, unchangeable promise.

The *source* of our supply—*my God.*

The *standard* of our supply—*His riches.*

The *channel* of our supply—*Christ Jesus.*

The *quantity* of our supply—*all* physical, intellectual, spiritual. Alongside of such riches, our greatest need looks small. A good promise to sleep on. To-morrow's need will bring to-morrow's God. He cared for our eternal interests; He will not forget those of time.

EPISTLE TO THE COLOSSIANS.

Four things prominent here: (1) Unfolds the glories of Christ, the head of the church. (2) Death and resurrection, the answer to philosophy and Judaism. (3) Resurrection with Christ applied to relationships in life. (4) Warnings and exhortations.

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Presentation of Christ and setting forth His glory. Faith in Christ, love to saints and hope of heaven go together.

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4. Does not speak of their knowledge or gifts, but of their faith and love.

5. Hoping for nothing down here, having all in heaven.

6. Not only knew the truth, but bore the fruit of it.

9. We shall learn His will, when we have none of our own. Wisdom and spiritual understanding revealed alone by the Spirit.

10. The standard of a Christian walk,—"worthy of the Lord." As we increase in knowledge, we ought to increase in fruit bearing.

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11. Patience, long-suffering, joy—all in His strength.

12. Gives us the inheritance, and then fits us to enjoy it.

13. Delivers from the power of darkness, that we may know the power of God. Translates us now into the kingdom of His dear Son, and when the work is complete, into the kingdom of the Father.

14. Redeemed by purchase, soon we will be redeemed by power. Blood is the ground of our forgiveness; grace the standard.

15. First-born in creation, and first-born from the dead.

16. His glory manifested in creation, providence, resurrection, redemption.

17. Of every thought in the mind of God, Christ is the expression.

18. Here emphasis is laid on the *Head;* in Ephesians, on the *body.* Real High Church doctrine is to give the Head His place.

19. This verse is the key of the chapter: The glory of Christ.

20. Peace is made; reconciliation is going on.

21. God never needed reconciling; the enmity is all on our side.

22. Our flesh is worthless. His is holy and without blame.

23. Continuance in the faith, the best proof of our acceptance.

26. He unfolds truth to us as we are able to bear it.

VERSE

27. Only Eternity will tell the riches of His glory.

28. The object of teaching—to present every man perfect in Christ.

29. In great measure, the responsibility is on us to witness for the truth.

CHAPTER II.

2. With hearts knit together, we shall have no use for sects. Full assurance of faith, hope and understanding possible.

3. An inexhaustible mine, but you need to dig for treasure.

4. Easy to be deceived; listen to none but Christ. One *with Him* in heaven, our business to witness *for Him* on earth.

6. Seven things in this chapter concerning the believer: First, receive Christ; the rest a development of what He is.

7. "Rooted" implies vitality; "built up" implies stability.

8. Superstition and tradition suit the flesh. Cling to the word.

10. The Head is complete; soon the body will be with Him.

11. Our circumcision is not a mark of the flesh, but putting it off.

12. Baptism declares our partnership with Him in death and resurrection. Death with Christ gives liberty; resurrection with Him gives power.

VERSE

13. Once dead in sins, now quickened and fully forgiven. You cannot be bright till you have come out of your own grave.

14. Saviour, sins and ordinances, all nailed to His cross.

15. We see Him no longer on the cross, but *on high* for us.

16. By His finished work, lifted above judgment and bondage. Ordinances give way to Christ, and human thoughts to the Divine.

17. Now that the substance has come, we have no room for shadows.

18. God only is to be worshiped. His word only to be obeyed.

19. No life or growth separate from the Head. Deny the Head and you deny the body.

20. Death levels all distinctions; severs old relations. A risen man has no longer any use for what he has risen from—old grave-clothes.

23. These things sound well and make a fair show to the natural man, but there can be no fruit for God in self-will or fleshly pride.

CHAPTER III.

1. The Christian is risen here, but not seated, as in Ephesians. No half way, if we died with Him, we are also risen in Him.

2. A safe rule; does this come under the head of "things above?"

VERSE

3. Our life hid in the safest place in the universe—with Christ, in God. Our love and faith grow hot and cold, but life in Him never changes.

4. When He gets His glory, we shall receive ours with Him. When he comes to earth again there will be a public manifestation.

5. Mortify, dont say crucify. Keep under, in subjection.

6. The wrath of God remains for all who refuse His love and grace.

8. Put off everything that hinders our walk or warfare.

9. He does not recognize anything that belongs to the old man. We ought not.

10. We have a new place, name, language, dress and food.

11. National, religious and sectarian lines are all obliterated in Christ.

12. Put on those things which are in keeping with a christian character.

13. The measure of our forbearance and forgiveness—as Christ forgave you.

14. Above all, over all, covering all—heaven-born charity.

15. The peace of God rules where the word of God dwells. True praise to God comes only from redeemed hearts.

17. Paul's rule for a holy life: Do all *in the name* of the Lord.

VERSE

18. Affection is natural, obedience is scriptural; with love, obedience, patience and tenderness, our homes would be like Heaven.

23. Our one aim and object in life,—*to please Him.*

24. We have a good master. He will not forget faithful services.

25. Wrong-doing incurs loss of what reward we might have received.

CHAPTER IV.

1. Deal with your servant justly, if you would have him just to you.

2. Prayer is the key of the morning and the lock of night.

3. Pray for God's servants, and thus have a share in their labors.

5. Walk wisely; one does not know whose life he is influencing.

6. The salt of the earth ought to season everything it touches.

12. As we receive Him, so His life will be revealed in us.

We are safe about the past, for Jesus died for our sins.

We are sure about the future. God says we shall be *with Him.*

Incomplete, imperfect in self; perfect and complete in the will of God.

We have His *fullness.* Everything in Him for time and eternity.

We have his *authority.* His word our law, His life our pattern.

We have His *affection.* He will not be content without His bride.

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17. We can minister to others only what we receive from Him.

I. Epistle to the Thessalonians.

The first Epistle treats of the hope of the church, namely, the coming of the Lord. The second Epistle tells of the doom of Christendom. Every chapter ends with the coming of the Lord. It is not enough to hold His coming as a doctrine; it must *hold us*, influence our lives and ways, and be in us a living power. The next thing to knowing that we are saved, is to know the blessed truth—the Lord is coming for us.

CHAPTER I.

VERSE

1. God, as *Father*, was not known till the resurrection of our Lord.

3. Three foundation characteristics of a christian life:

(1) *Work of faith*,—counting on the Lord for all things.

(2) *Labor of love*,—in the face of opposition, persecution and hatred.

(3) *Patience of hope*,—looking for the Lord and the crown.

4. Knowing we are chosen, no uncertainty as to results.

VERSE

5. The way they *received* the Gospel was *proof* of their election. "In *power*, in the *Holy Ghost* and in much *assurance.*"

6. The way they *obeyed* the Gospel, proof of their salvation; they followed Paul through much affliction, and yet in the joy of the Holy Ghost; outside of all worldly things, lifted into heavenly places.

7. Such Christians are a pattern in word and deed.

8. The word sounded out so truly in their lives, that even the world was astonished; no wonder that Paul had no word of reproof for them.

9. Their *conduct:* turning to God from idols, to love and serve Him.

10. Their *attitude:* waiting, not for the conversion of the world to improve it or make it better, but waiting for the Son from heaven.

CHAPTER II.

2. The word Paul preached was not popular. Satan opposed him at every step, and through trial and suffering he boldly contended for the truth.

3. Plain, pure, pungent, personal; he preached only to please God.

4. He was not looking for a call, or for men's money or praise.

8. He was a gift, not a charge; willing to lay down his life for them.

VERSE

9. He had a shepherd's heart. He wanted the sheep, not the fleece.

10. He practiced what he preached, and could call God and man as witnesses to a life of holiness before God, and of justice and integrity before men.

11. His preaching was in exhortation, comfort or warning, as needed.

12. He knew of but one standard of living: worthy of Him who called him.

13. How the word was received: as the truth of God from Heaven.

14. Result, suffering, and that from religionists and his own countrymen.

15. God-haters everywhere would kill His Son, and persecute His preachers.

16. Resisting the truth themselves, and hindering those who love it.

18. Little wonder that Satan tried to hinder his return to such a field.

19. Stars in his crown of rejoicing, and sheaves as his reward in the day of harvest.

CHAPTER III.

3. Affliction was included in Paul's call or appointment.

4. Not what great things he should do, but what he should suffer.

7. His comfort in trial—the firmness of their faith.

VERSE

8. None but spiritual fathers can understand such longing. He lived and labored for their sakes, that they too might live.

10. His great desire, that they should be perfect, lacking nothing.

12. Abounding and increasing, progressing in the Divine life.

13. A wonderful incentive to holiness, the coming of our Lord.

CHAPTER IV.

1. There is but one way to walk, but one person to please.

3. He has set us apart as sacred vessels; we are to keep ourselves clean.

4. It is impossible to serve the flesh and maintain spirituality.

5. Chastity in a Christian a necessity. We are not of the world.

6. God will bring to light and punishment our secret sins.

7. Unclean habits, word, thought or deed, not consistent with godliness.

8. God's word not despised, or spirit resisted, without loss.

11. A good lesson to learn: minding our own business.

12. Walk in honesty before men and purity before God.

13. Worldly sorrow over the dead unbecoming in a believer.

VERSE

14. As surely as Jesus came the first time, He will the second.

15. Those who are alive will not precede or go before the dead.

16. *Himself.* He will not trust any one else to bring His bride. He brought salvation to us. He will bring us safely home. When He wants His people, Israel, He sends angels, but comes for us *Himself.*

17. He does not come here to earth, we rise to meet Him, in the air.

18. What a comfort to know, "it will only be a little while."

CHAPTER V.

1. Times, seasons and signs are connected with His earthly people.

2. For the church, His coming will be without sign or warning.

3. The unbelieving world will be destroyed when feeling most secure.

4. One who is *always* waiting and watching, cannot be surprised.

5. The day dawns for us, as the world's night deepens. *Twenty-four golden rules* in this chapter for the children of light.

6. Be watchful and sober, we shall not have much longer to wait.

8. With breastplate of love and helmet of hope, we are sure to win.

VERSE

9. Indwelling sin need not be outbreaking. Soon we will be saved from both.

10. He will not be in glory, and leave one behind for whom He died.

11. Comfort, edify, build each other up by the word.

12. Do not forget to comfort and care for the shepherds of the flock.

14. How to act toward the unruly, weak and feeble-minded.

15. Any one can strike back; to receive evil and do good is Christ-like.

16. Occupied with our blessings we can always find cause for rejoicing.

17. Realizing our weakness and need, we should ever be prayerful.

18. Thankful for everything. It all works together for our good.

19. Quenching the Spirit is a church matter. Grieving is a personal thing.

21. The only way to prove all things is by the word.

22. Keep away from forbidden trees, and you will not want forbidden fruit. If you do not want to trade with Satan, do not go near his shop.

23. Body, soul and spirit belong to God, and are set apart to His service. Preserved blameless here, presented faultless there. Men judge us by what we do, God judges us by what He *sees* in our hearts. Perfect peace and satisfaction in God is only found where the will is silent.

II. Epistle to the Thessalonians.

This Epistle treats especially of our Lord coming *with* His saints. The apostasy spoken of here does not occur until the church is gone. The last dispensation ended in rejecting the true Christ. The present dispensation ends in accepting the anti-christ.

CHAPTER I.

VERSE

3. Growing faith and abounding charity go together. Hope is not spoken of here, nor joy manifested as in other Epistles.

4. Persecution and tribulation, great stimulants to faith and patience.

5. The Kingdom of God will be full of sufferers and overcomers.

6. God will take care of our troubles; we can rest in Him. He will settle all accounts and right all wrongs when He comes.

8. The earth once swept by water, awaits the baptism of fire.

9. Then the enemies of God and those who refuse His voice will be cast out from the glory of His presence.

VERSE

10. His first coming in humiliation; His second coming in power.

11. We should live *beyond* time if we would be fit to live *in* it. We are not living in this world, rather *dying to it;* and when we realize that our stay here at best is brief, we shall not be troubled much by uncomfortable surroundings.

12. If we glorify His name here, He will glorify us there.

CHAPTER II.

In this chapter we find the apostasy, not the assembly. Satan instead of the Holy Ghost, and the will of man against the authority of God; falsehood instead of truth; iniquity, not righteousness; perdition, not salvation. Apostasy has two sides—on the Divine side, rejecting the Holy Ghost; on the human side, leaning on man.

1. We *go to* Him, meeting Him in the air on His way to earth.

2. That day cannot come till Christians first be gathered.

3. Every dispensation has ended in apostasy and failure. When the Son of God has taken home His bride, then the anti-christ or man of sin will take His place.

4. Those who reject God will accept Satan, and the old attempt to dethrone the Creator and deify man will again be made with apparent success.

VERSE

5. Nothing hinders this now but the presence and power of the Holy Ghost.

7. This mystery has run side by side with the mystery of Godliness. Satan waits God's plans and purposes in this dispensation first.

8. As God had his representative for three and one-half years, so will Satan have his, performing miracles, doing wonders, deceiving, as at the beginning.

10. Under the guise of liberality or toleration for all religions, infidelity ends in hating all that names the name of Christ. Refusing the truth, they believe a lie, and will in the end be damned, not for what they do, so much as for unbelief.

13. What occasion for joy, to be chosen and saved from all this. Chosen *from* the beginning, chosen *of* God, chosen *to salvation*, by belief of the truth, and chosen to *sanctification* by the work of the Spirit.

15. Stand fast, do not be moved from the hope of your calling.

17. The God of grace, and comfort and consolation will keep you till He comes.

CHAPTER III.

1. Paul's great desire, that the word might be unhindered, and he might be delivered. If there were no *enemies*, we would have no conflict; if no *trouble*, we would have no faith, no *fear*, no hope.

VERSE

3. His faithfulness, our dependence. His keeping power, our hope. He did nothing against us when we were His enemies. He will only *do for us,* now that we are His friends.

4. His grace sets our hearts at rest, that our hands may serve Him. A sanctified life will be sure to bear sanctified fruit.

5. A loving heart and patient waiting go together. The last day is hid that every day may be heeded. The Jew's Messiah comes *to* the earth, we look for our Lord *in the* air. The Jew waits for the *day* of the Lord, we look for the *morning star* that comes before the day. Israel's glory will be ushered in with *judgment;* the Christian's glory with a *shout* and the trump of God.

6. We are responsible for what we sanction, as well as for what we do. Test all by the word. We are *righteous* according to the perfection of His sacrifice; we are *holy* because He is holy, and we have His nature; we are redeemed according to His value of the blood. Let us walk worthily, because we have His life; let us walk lovingly, because we are loved.

13. Not enough to be saved; we are to be saviours of the world. Not enough to be converted to Christ, but must be converted into Christ's life toward men.

14. No company with skeptics or those who scoff at the word.

16. Our hope, *His coming;* our aim, *His glory;* our peace, the *Lord Himself.*

I. EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY.

Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians lifts our heart *above* the earth. The Epistle to Timothy reminds us that we are *still on earth.* A man must know he is delivered *from* the world before he can truly *live in it.*

CHAPTER I.

VERSE

1. Our hope is Himself, not the crown or the kingdom.

2. Paul does not speak of mercy, except to individuals.

3. "Take heed to the doctrine" spoken of eight times in this Epistle.

4. Many seem to know *about* the Bible, but little of its truth.

5. A pure heart, unfeigned faith, and a good conscience. Man's conscience a very imperfect standard. God's word is the only infallible guide. Character is based on affection. What a man loves determines his character.

7. One can know but little of grace who is a teacher of law.

9. Law is made for those who put themselves under its power. A righteous man could not enjoy such company; he is above it.

VERSE

13. While Paul was under law, he was a blasphemer and persecutor; through mercy and grace he comes to preach the gospel of grace.

15. His testimony: He saved the chief of sinners, He can save anyone. Paul was a great sinner, but he found a greater Saviour. In him we see an example of the long-suffering of Christ. He might also be a pattern of those Jews who will believe when the Lord appears to take up His saints; while Thomas might represent those who will look upon Him, whom they have pierced, when His feet shall stand in that day on the Mount of Olives.

17. Doxology of a sinner, saved by grace; only a *new man* can sing the *new song*.

18. We are enlisted for the war, and need not expect furloughs or dress parades. Our place, at the front; our enemies, spiritual.

19. Hold the faith and the faith will hold you, like an anchor.

20. You may fall overboard, but you will not sink. Your life preserver will not fail.

CHAPTER II.

1. Prayer to be offered for all men, especially for those in authority, that law and order may prevail, and we may live a quiet, peaceable life.

4. God is willing, if any man is unsaved it is his own fault.

5. Judaism brought out the truth of one God.

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Christianity adds the truth of a mediator, typified in the Old Testament.

6. First take Him as a ransom, then as pattern and example.

7. Preacher, apostle, teacher: a combination rarely found.

8. No more toward Jerusalem, nor up to the temple to pray. He that enters the holy place must have clean hands.

9. Pauline raiment for women: modesty, sobriety, simplicity.

10. Good works adorn a godly woman more than expensive clothing.

11. In public gatherings—a woman's place a listener and learner.

12. Her gift to teach is better exercised in private, among her own sex.

13. Authority was vested in man; woman's place, in subjection.

15. Faith and charity, holiness and sobriety, warrant for a long life.

CHAPTER III.

1. To be a bishop, desirable, but many things are needed.

2. Blameless in life, well behaved, qualified to teach, not covetous.

3. Lucre spoken of in five places; four of them referring to ministers.

4. God always ordained that a father should be priest in his own house.

VERSE

5. No one can rule others who has not begun at home.

6. Christian work too valuable to commit to apprentices.

7. One thing to be a child of God, and quite another to be a good minister of Jesus Christ.

8. Those who would lead others to a life of devotion should be devoted.

15. Scripture speaks of the church of God, not Christ. Three aspects of the church are brought out here: the house, the church, the pillar, or support of the truth.

CHAPTER IV.

1. The mystery of iniquity always keeps pace with the development of truth. Satan is a seducer now, meeting spirit with spirit, doctrine with doctrine.

2. Satan was a liar and hypocrite from the beginning; so are his followers. Seven kinds of conscience mentioned in the Bible; four good, three bad.

3. What God has instituted and commanded, no man has a right to forbid.

4. The gifts of God are to be received with gratitude, and used for the glory of the Giver.

5. A sanctified man will put all blessings to a sanctified use.

6. A good workman nourished by faith and

sound doctrine. Ministry is getting something from God and giving it to the people.

Its *design*—The edification and building up of the body.

Its *source*—The Lord; He chooses, educates, directs and inspires.

Its *power*—The Holy Ghost; filling, controlling, energizing.

VERSE

8. To know God and be godlike is to get the best of both worlds.

10. We labor *with* Him; we suffer *for* Him; we trust *in* Him. A poor man indeed who can only show *human* credentials.

11. The most successful way to teach the word, is to live it.

12. Six things in which we should be an example to men.

13. Three things to which we are to give special attention.

14. Two things to heed,—ourselves and the doctrine.

15. Give yourself wholly to Him and He will give Himself wholly to you. You can only bring others to your own level.

CHAPTER V.

1. Entreaty will win men, where rebuke often fails.

4. Home piety most acceptable, but hardest to be found.

VERSE

6. Living in pleasure is sure death to spirituality.

8. Humanity cares for its own; much more ought a believer.

10. God's provision for those who have ministered to others.

12. The kind of women to be refused admission to the church.

14. Field for the younger women, and rules for their home.

17. How to treat those who rule over us in word and doctrine.

18. Sin to be dealt with unsparingly. Rebuke before all.

21. Judgment without preference, prejudice or partiality.

22. Not to take either side without careful consideration.

23. Care for the body; use anything that will help you to glorify God.

24. Open or secret sins alike to God; both will be rewarded.

25. So good works are recognized above, though unseen of men.

CHAPTER VI.

1. Teaches us to withdraw from false teachers, skeptics and self-seekers.

2. Servants honor God, by honoring and obeying their masters.

VERSE

3. What to teach: Godly doctrine and the words of our Lord.

5. Avoid disputes, both with the ignorant and self-seeker.

6. Greed of gain blinds the eye to the fact that real gain is godliness. Fondness for ledgers destroys love for God's word. We ought to carry the sign,—"In business for our Lord."

7. No baggage allowed on the heavenly road; naked we enter and leave.

8. A soul that leans on Jesus is happy anywhere.

9. Riches a snare, that drags now and drowns hereafter.

10. Covetousness brings many evils. Gold is worshiped in all lands, yet how much care there is in getting, how much fear in keeping, and what grief in parting with money.

11. Six things for a man of God to covet and follow after.

12. Eternal life is a gift; we do not work *for* it but *from* it. We can best lay hold of it when our hands are empty.

14. Do your part. Work for eternity ought to be well done.

15. We are on the winning side; the "King of Kings" will triumph.

16. The only immortal, having neither beginning nor end of days. In the eternal state He will again tabernacle with men.

VERSE

17. Trust only in God. He will remain when riches are gone.

18. Riches a great blessing, if used for His glory, who gave them.

19. Only that is saved which is sent on before; what is invested for Him here will be our capital to begin with there.

20. Our business not to argue; simply to witness for the truth.

II. EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY.

This Epistle speaks to servants and is full of injunction and exhortation.

CHAPTER I.

VERSE

5. Timothy's faith came naturally, a sort of family inheritance.

6. The gift is from God. We are to keep it in lively exercise.

7. The Spirit is one of love, wisdom and power; not cowardice.

8. Do not shrink from testimony because of the suffering it brought on me; the afflictions of the Gospel are always accompanied by the power of God.

9. His purpose and grace measure the extent of our calling and salvation. He chose Israel *from*, but the church *before*, the foundation of the world.

10. He put away death; we have life and immortality in Him.

11. The three-fold office to which he had been appointed.

VERSE

12. He knew the Person and power. His persuasion: "*He is able*," I am not.

13. Insist on the very language of scripture. The Holy Spirit will honor His own word, not man's interpretation.

15. The more you live like your Master, the fewer your followers.

16. One faithful soul who showed mercy and will find it.

CHAPTER II.

1. The grace that saves strengthens for every burden.

2. Teachers should be men of faith and truth, taught of God.

3. A good soldier has no will of his own. His sole duty to obey.

4. Disentangled; get out of the world before you can free others.

5. One thought, self-surrender; one desire, to please Him.

6. When one has mastered himself, victory is easy. To be a laborer with Christ, you must be a partaker of His grace.

7. Understanding from above is better than college training.

8. The *Person* of the resurrected Son is more than the fact.

9. You may bind the preacher, but you cannot bind the word.

VERSE

11. A Christian must die to live; must suffer to reign.

13. We change. He is the same yesterday, to-day and forever.

14. We should strive for truth and principles, not words.

15. *Study* for ourselves that we may know. Intelligent. *Live* the word, that we may be approved of God. Divide the word, apply truth where it belongs; Jew, Gentile, Church.

16. Shun arguments, especially with the ungodly. It hurts us and makes no change in them.

19. The Lord knows His own and the world ought to see Christ in us. Best evidence: Departing from everything that God cannot own.

20. The great house is Christendom; the mustard seed has become a great tree.

21. No vessel honored, sanctified and used, until purged.

22. What to forsake, and what to follow, and whom to follow. The only associates for Christians,—pure hearted and clean handed.

23. No speculations; what God has said is sufficient.

24. A servant of God should not fight or go to law; sheep do not fight.

25. Our lives should be a lesson that the world would heed.

CHAPTER III.

VERSE

1. Men say the world grows better. God says, worse and worse.

2. Self, not God; covetousness is the sin of the age; no family government, no regard for word or honor; treacherous, frivolous.

5. Very religous, without piety; much machinery without power. Eighteen characteristics of religious flesh to be avoided. Forms, ceremonies and sensations mark the religion of show. True faith needs no gold crosses or figures as aids to devotion.

10. Nine marks of a pattern life; what came of it.

11. Follow Christ as Paul did and be treated as he was.

12. The world hates godly men; flesh yet opposes spirit.

13. If the Lord uses you, be sure that satan will abuse you. Instead of the world being converted, it is ripening for judgment.

14. Learn and continue for yourself; second-hand faith will not do.

15. The word is able to make a child wise, a man perfect.

16. God breathed; it is good for convicting, convincing, correcting. It should be applied to our personal habits, domestic arrangements, commercial pursuits, religious associates and social position.

VERSE

17. The man of God should combine the wisdom of Solomon with the love of John, and the patience of Job. Such a union will fit one for every good work.

CHAPTER IV.

1. Paul's charge for the last days: Preach, watch, endure. The living and the dead, appearing and kingdom, are one thousand years apart.

2. Preach a straight gospel and live up to it. Reproof and rebuke as necessary as comfort and encouragement.

3. The word of God never liked by those whom it condemns. Itching ears and lustful hearts, must have teachers to match.

4. Stimulants create a dislike for healthful food.

5. Watch, endure, prove your calling. Hold on; hold out.

7. It takes a brave man to face his record at the end. Paul had kept the faith, and the faith kept him.

8. The faith, the fight, the race, and *then* the crown.

10. The world that charmed Demas was nothing to Paul.

16. A godly walk is a solitary one among men.

17. The Lord strengthens, delivers and saves all who trust Him.

18. He will deliver and preserve us until our work is done.

EPISTLE TO TITUS.

Treats of the qualifications for the ministry godly conduct and church order.

CHAPTER I.

VERSE

2. Eternal life is assured. Our safety as certain as His word.

3. The object of preaching,—manifesting the purposes of God.

5. Titus sent to maintain order and supply the lack in the church.

6. Qualifications for elders and bishops: Stewards of God, not man.

7. Some things that a bishop ought to be: a leader, not a driver, with passions curbed; eye, ear and tongue under control.

9. The word his only weapon, exhorting, convincing by sound doctrine.

10. Many instruments of satan, whose sole aim is to deceive.

11. The way to stop error, apply the truth.

12. Many Cretians now who live only for the flesh.

13. Where sin and wrong prevail, smooth words will not do.

14. Tradition, fable, human opinion, always oppose the truth.

VERSE

15. A pure man is sound in doctrine, speech and life; with an impure heart, mind, conscience and life are defiled.

16. Profession is of no account in heaven. It is the life that tells.

CHAPTER II.

1. Unless the doctrine be sound, our lives are not apt to be.

2. Six things that should characterize the aged man.

3. Four things becoming to the aged woman.

4. Eight things that the young women should be taught.

7. Example is better than precept. Believers ought to be patterns.

8. So correct that our enemies can find no fault.

10. Obedience, honesty, fidelity in service, is commanded.

11. Grace now seeks us in the person of Christ, bringing salvation. God is the *source* of salvation; Christ is the *channel* of salvation; the word is the *means* of salvation; the Holy Ghost is the *power* of salvation. In this chapter we find the *salvation* which grace brings; the *lessons* which grace teaches; the *hope* which grace presents.

12. Soberly has reference to *self*, and the kingdom *within*. Righteously has reference to our *neighbor*, and the kingdom *around*. Godly has reference to God, and the kingdom *above*.

VERSE

13. The Christian's attitude, looking for our Lord from heaven. No other hope presented in the word for us than His coming.

14. His object, to redeem and purify a zealous and peculiar people.

15. With such authority, we need not look to human power.

CHAPTER III.

1. How to act toward governments and powers: Be subject; be loyal. No teaching in the word about a Christian holding office.

2. To be mild in manner and speech becomes a follower of Jesus.

3. The remembrance of what we were will keep us *humble*; of what we are by grace will make us *grateful*; and the thought of what we will be in glory, will make us *joyful*. Seven things in which we lived while we were unsaved.

4. All these put away with a taste of the love of God in Christ.

5. Regeneration is *once for all*; *renewing* a *daily* thing. *Counted* righteous by regeneration, *made* righteous by the Holy Ghost.

7. All of grace, justification, sanctification, sonship and heirship.

8. If grace is the seed, holiness will be the fruit of our life. We are not only saved from wrath, but from sin; not only saved *for* heaven, but *to* a heavenly life down here.

EPISTLE TO PHILEMON.

A model letter, combining tact and delicacy. Cicero never wrote as well.

Philemon was undoubtedly a man of means, living at Colosse. Onesimus was a runaway slave, sent back to his master by Paul, with this letter to insure a favorable reception.

The Epistle teaches that human rights are not to be abrogated, nor social surroundings changed by the introduction of Christianity.

Paul calls Onesimus his son, because by his preaching he had been converted, as also his master. What Onesimus had rejected at Colosse, he had accepted at Rome, and while his master had given him up, God had not; and what had been a loss to Philemon, was now turned to gain. He had lost a slave, but found a brother.

Paul while commending the slave does not excuse his fault, and although he would have

chosen to keep him in his own service, in the gospel, yet he returns him to his master, with the assurance that he would pay any loss that might have been incurred by his absence.

We find a beautiful picture of the gospel in this Epistle. The sinner is God's property, but he has run away, wronged and robbed his Master. Fleeing from wrath, he meets God's Son, hears his word, believes on His person, throws himself on His mercy, and is manumitted, pardoned, adopted, and sent back with a letter of acceptance to his rightful owner.

EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS.

This epistle was written, as the name indicates, to Hebrew Christians who were in danger of returning to Judaism. Under Judaism, God was hidden and inaccessible; under Christianity, a cleansed sinner is brought nigh. The epistle shows heaven opened and our fitness for it, but the believer is not seated there, as in Ephesians. Though on earth, we have here a heavenly sanctuary, priest and place of worship. The assembly is not brought out here, only a believing remnant is addressed.

CHAPTER I.

VERSE

1. Whoever the speaker, Christ and His work was always the subject. God is a spirit, Christ embodied Him; thus we apprehend Him.

3. Jesus the *express* image; man the *broken* image; we changed *into His image*. He is the speaker, sin-purger, and the seated one. Not a thought in the mind of God, but Christ is the expression; not a glory, but Christ is the manifestation.

4. He has a better name, title and inheritance than angels.

VERSE

5. Angels know nothing of Sonship or the Fatherhood of God.

6. Jesus is the Head of His people, and the object of worship in heaven. First-begotten, that in all things He might have the pre-eminence.

8. Eternally enthroned in righteousness and anointed with gladness.

11. Heaven and earth change and pass away; He ever remains the same.

13. Angels never invited to sit at God's right hand, like Jesus was. Christ ministers *for* us, the Holy Ghost *in* us, and angels *to* us.

CHAPTER II.

The first four verses is a sort of parenthesis. Christ, as man, the foundation of Priesthood here.

1. This epistle is full of warnings; take heed how you hear.

2. Rejecting grace demands greater punishment than breaking the law.

3. Jesus now is the preacher, and His subject is salvation. Neglect it, and we will find He will neglect us. Three things we cannot escape: God, our record and ourselves.

5. Angels are always subject, never in the place of power.

7. The first part fulfilled, made, crowned, installed.

VERSE

8. We wait to see the second part,—"all things under Him."

9. In Matthew heaven opens, and we see the Son of man *down here.* In Hebrews heaven opens, and we see Him *seated there.*

10. He tasted that we might not; suffered that we might be free. Only one way to glory for Saviour or sons,—through suffering.

11. No more ashamed of us than Adam was of Eve, his bride. Jesus is not ashamed to take the devil's castaways.

14. As self-will led man into darkness and death, so self-surrender leads us into light and life. The life of sin is slain, and the life of holiness quickened by Him.

15. The only way to get out of life is to die; this Jesus did for us.

16. Angels could not get near enough. He took the lowest form,—a babe.

17. As sinners, we need a sacrifice; as believers, we need a priest. Jesus not only brings us nigh, but maintains us there.

18. The way to heaven is always by the way of the cross. Its burden is lightened, for He shares it with us.

CHAPTER III.

Moses, as servant, now set aside by Christ the Son.

1. Christ combined in his work: Preacher, Purger, Priest.

VERSE

3. We can part with Moses, when we have found the Christ; as the Eunuch could part with Philip, when he found Jesus.

5. Moses, as servant, was faithful; but his ministry was for a time.

6. Christ, as Son, will not fail to build the house and finish it. His faithfulness is our confidence and cause of rejoicing.

9. Do not break down on the way, or rebel as your fathers did.

12. Unbelief shuts out many a blessing on our way.

13. There are many by-roads; do not be deceived and side-tracked.

14. Holding to the crucified is our title to the glorified one.

15. Not enough to hear His word, but to square our lives by it.

16. To walk with God and please Him, we must come to the end of self.

17. Israel was saved from Egypt in one day; years did not save from self.

18. Self-will can never rest; true rest is doing His will.

19. Unbelief is the root of failure in all ages.

CHAPTER IV.

The rest of Canaan contrasted with the rest of God. Joshua set aside for the true Joshua,—Jesus Christ.

VERSE

1. There is danger of coming short of *rest*, not of eternal life.

2. A profitable mixture: The word of God and faith, not feeling.

3. We enter into rest, when we realize His finished work.

4. Adam and Israel disturbed His rest; but He finds it in Christ.

5. The rest of the Redeemer beyond the rest of the Creator. We who believe are resting in God's second Sabbath,—His Son.

6. Man fails, but *He will not; some* will enter in.

7. Self-will and self-pleasing cease, when we hear His voice.

8. Real rest unknown till nature is nailed to the cross.

9. When redemption's work is done, eternal rest begins.

10. Our work being ended, we rest in His.

11. The hardest lesson for flesh to learn is to keep still; with greater knowledge and privilege, we are as weak as Israel.

12. The word has power to slay and make alive. Piercing, penetrating, dividing, discerning, exposing, healing, saving.

13. We shall never get beyond the range of His voice, eye or arm.

14. Because ours is a heavenly calling, He departs to our place. We have two enemies: sin and unbelief. We have two friends: the Word and the High Priest. He is *great*, because He is

VERSE

the Son of God; sympathizing, because He is the Son of man. Hold fast the confession, and He will hold on to the confessor.

15. The one who had the greatest heart on earth has the greatest sympathy in heaven.

16. To have power in prayer, we must have an undivided heart. If we would come *boldly*, we must come *obediently;* our ways and our words must agree. We ought not to put a cloud on our *title*, even though our *experience* be poor.

CHAPTER V.

Eternal sonship is the ground of eternal priesthood. Priesthood is the spine, marrow and soul of the gospel.

1. Man is not fit, another must appear in his place. No one could ordain himself, and no one could offer his own sacrifice.

2. One who had knowledge, sympathy, compassion and experience.

3. Only as we go to the sinner's place can we lift him. We must be in the enjoyment of grace to successfully bring others to enjoy it.

4. A priest is a gift; he cannot be hired or manufactured.

5. Aaron was called; Phineas acquired the priesthood.

6. Melchisedec was *king* as well as priest. Jesus was all these. A royal priest, not by descent or pedigree, but by personal title.

VERSE

7. He was heard for His piety. He suffered that we might not.

8. He who had a right to all claimed nothing, surrendered everything.

9. Salvation is as perfect and eternal as the author of it. As well doubt the freeness of salvation as its fullness. Man was lost by disobedience; he is saved by obedience.

10. From here to the end of Chapter 6 is a parenthesis again.

11. One reason we *hear* so little is because we take *so little heed.*

12. You cannot teach others what you have not yet learned. You cannot have meal at the bin, unless you have corn in the hopper. Many are feeding on a *bottle*, while the *fountain* is close at hand.

14. Exercise, good air, and healthy growth demand strong meat. Many of weak digestion prefer milk, and skimmed at that.

CHAPTER VI.

Judaism and Christianity contrasted. This chapter teaches how far one may go, and how much one may receive, and yet not be born again or have eternal life.

1. Leave the school of Moses for the higher school of Christ. Leave the principles for the *Person*, as a tree leaves the roots, or a building leaves the foundation for the superstructure.

VERSE

2. These things necessary, but belong to the primary class.

4. All are enlightened in a measure, few comparatively are *indwelt.* Partaking of the Holy Ghost is not being *sealed*, or baptized into one body. One may receive the benefits of the Spirit, but not be led by the Spirit.

5. Tasting is not feeding or being born by the word of God. Tasting of heavenly powers is not becoming a subject of miraculous birth.

6. To fall away here means to *return to Judaism.* For those who do, there is no other sacrifice; refusing Jesus, they reject the last offer from heaven. Believers *may* fall, but will be lifted up again; they may be overtaken, but will be restored; they may wander, but will be brought back.

7. The earth by care and cultivation yields fruit through God's blessing.

8. Thorns and briars are natural fruit: rejected, cursed, burned. There is nothing in the natural that can please God.

9. Saved men bear spiritual fruit. First life, then fruit.

10. Where there is life, there is love; where love is, there is fruit. Service *for* God is the result of fellowship *with* God.

11. Assurance of faith and understanding gives assurance of hope.

12. No need of faith, when we come to see and

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know; no need of patience, when there is nothing more to endure.

13. God confirmed by an oath what He had already promised.

14. The blessing came to Abraham, because he obeyed the Word.

15. One thing to believe, quite another to patiently wait.

17. Our security is as firm as God and His word.

18. Does not say lay hold on the cross or crown, but the hope.

19. However we may be tossed or shaken, the anchor holds.

20. He has entered the holiest, and we have access through Him. Our service is in proportion to our worship; we go in to worship; we go out to serve.

CHAPTER VII.

Here the heavenly and earthly priesthood are contrasted.

1. Melchisedec was not a sacrifice priest like Aaron, but a *blessing* priest. His was a priesthood of the Son of man, as man. The Aaronic priesthood was the priesthood of the separation, or elect in Abraham.

3. Like our Lord, we have no account of his beginning or end. In Aaron, we see the calling of Israel; in the other, the calling of the Gentiles.

VERSE

Aaron's priesthood was connected with the temple and the veil; Melchisedec's was connected with the bread and wine. Our Lord in spirit fulfils both. After Abraham's victory over the kings, Melchisedec came forth to meet him, not only as priest, but king. So, in future days, after His enemies are made His footstool, Jesus will come forth with blessing and joy.

11. The Levitical priesthood was temporary and imperfect. Our High Priest is eternally perfect.

16. Made not after a law that must pass away with time.

19. The law was weak and imperfect; it could only show us our need.

22. Our priest died to procure eternal redemption for us, and now lives to see that we get the benefit of both death and life.

24. He not only brings us nigh, but keeps us there. He died to make us clean; He lives to keep us clean.

25. Able to save to the uttermost time, place or condition. Continual sinners need a continual priest, not only for the sins we see, but the sins He sees; not only for what we do, but for what we *are* and fail to do.

27. His sacrifice was like Himself, eternal, and can never be repeated.

28. With such a perfect sacrifice and a perfect priest, why not have the perfect assurance of perfect salvation?

CHAPTER VIII.

The covenants here contrasted; the old set aside for the new. The old covenant was conditional, the new was unconditional. The old was based on man's faithfulness, the new on the faithfulness of God. The old was to endure for a time, the new throughout eternity. The old was broken at man's will, the new can never be broken. In the old, the believer might be cut off; in the new, he is safe. The old told man what to do; the new tells what God has done. The old set up a law to keep; the new fulfilled the law in Christ.

VERSE

1. Aaron never sat down, because his work was never done. Our High Priest has finished His work and is seated on high.

2. The old must pass away, before the new order is brought in.

4. Christ is now a Priest in heaven, where His people worship.

5. The law and tabernacle service only a *shadow* of better things.

6. The ministry of Christ more excellent, because it unites God and man. The new covenant has but *one party;* the promise is fulfilled by the Promiser. The new covenant is not "thou shalt," but "*I will.*"

8. The new covenant is founded on grace, the old on works.

VERSE

9. If man had ever kept the old, there would be no need of a new.

10. The first was written on stone, the second on minds and hearts. In the last, there is neither condemnation nor separation.

11. First learn what He is, and then what He can do for us.

12. Our sins are not only put away, but forgotten.

13. No ifs or doubts in the new; the promise is unconditional. We are as safe as the blood, and as sure as the word.

CHAPTER IX.

The sacrifices contrasted here. From here to chapter 10: 18, is one argument.

1. Ordinances, service, sanctuary—all suited to a worldly people's capacity.

2. While pilgrims and living in tents, God dwelt with them in a tent. The candlestick pointed to Christ as the *light* of the world. The shewbread pointed to Christ as the *bread* of life.

3. Behind the second veil God hid Himself; the priest only approached.

4. The golden censer speaks of *intercession;* the ark, of Him who kept the law for us; the manna, of the bread from heaven; Aaron's rod, of the priesthood; and the tables of stone tell of a disobedient people and a broken law now fulfilled in Christ.

VERSE

5. The cherubim spoke of mercy and righteousness meeting at the cross.

6. The priest entered the holy place for worship, but dared not come nigh.

7. No entrance into God's presence save through death and resurrection.

8. The veil not rent nor Holy Ghost given till the flesh was put away.

9. The tabernacle was a figure or picture of better things to come.

11. The way to God is now opened through the blood of His Son. The tabernacle was for time, the true house for eternity.

13. The blood of bullocks purified for a time, the blood of Jesus forever. We enter the holiest by the same title as our Lord,—the blood. Redemption as perfect and permanent as He who accomplished it.

14. A spotless sacrifice gives us a spotless title and a purged conscience. No charge against us, they were all answered by Him.

15. Not a thing He owns that He has not willed to us.

16. Eternal life was procured by eternal death. Love died in giving birth to love.

19. The blood not only opens the way into the favor of God, but fits the believer to enter and remain.

21. Wherever the blood is, we have liberty to go.

VERSE

22. Without death to present nature, we cannot know deliverance.

23. Heaven is to be purified from satan's presence yet. Satan accuses there.

24. Our Lord is there to meet every charge and answer all.

25. No longer annual offerings, but a continual once-for-all.

26. He came to put away sin that God and man might be at one. If sin is not fully put away, Jesus would need to die again. Three appearings spoken of: "*Hath* appeared" refers to the *atonement;* "*doth* appear" refers to the *advocacy;* "*shall* appear" refers to the *advent.*

27. Most men will die, but *not all;* some will be alive at His coming.

28. This does not teach that only those that look for Him will be taken, but *others* will look for Him, not yet saved, and to them He will appear. *All* will be taken who belong to Him, but only those who love His appearing will receive the crown of righteousness.

CHAPTER X.

The sacrifice of Christ as applied to believers. Seven present blessings in this chapter.

1. The law, a shadow, passed away when the substance came.

2. A perfect sacrifice needed to give perfect peace and rest.

VERSE

3. Once purged from spot and stain, we do not need purging again.

4. Sin against the Infinite demanded an infinite atonement, which could only be accomplished through an infinite sacrifice.

5. Jesus takes our place and restores the image of God.

7. Man's will disturbed the rest of God. Jesus restored that rest.

9. In yielding to the will of God, we find and share His rest.

10. Accepting God's Son, He sets us apart for His service.

12. In Jesus we see a seated and satisfied Priest.

14. Perfection here is a conscious knowledge of living in the presence of God.

15. The Holy Spirit witnesses that we are purged, purified, perfected.

16. We have His pledge to forgive and even forget our sins.

19. The rest of the teaching of this chapter is practical. Our place no longer at the *cross,* but in the holiest of all.

20. Paradise had a way out, but not in; heaven has a way in, but not out.

22. Use your privilege; you may draw just as near as He. Four ways of drawing nigh. We are in the glory; stay till it shines out.

23. Hold fast the confession. His faithfulness keeps, not mine.

VERSE

24. A fine field for competition: in love and good works.

25. One by a divine union, let us manifest it to the world.

26. The fact of one sinning wilfully is an evidence that he is not saved; for "he that is born of God doth not commit sin." If we go back to the blood of bulls and goats, there is no more sacrifice, no more sons.

27. Nothing left but judgment for those who refuse grace.

28. Neither mercy nor forgiveness in law. Do or die.

29. What sorer punishment than death, except *continued wrath.* For such sin against infinite love, nothing but eternal punishment will do.

31. Love turned to wrath is a fearful thing. God is just as well as merciful.

32. One may be happy within, though greatly tried without.

34. With assured riches there, we can do with a little here.

35. Confidence is the secret of strength; our anchor holds.

36. The promise is good, though long delayed; it will pay to wait.

37. In the light of eternity, "it is only a little while."

38. Jesus the fountain of life; faith the channel where it flows.

39. The cross shuts us out of the world and ends our existence as sinners.

CHAPTER XI.

This chapter teaches that faith is the power of a godly walk and testimony.

VERSE

1. Faith is *confidence in* and *conviction of* the reality of unseen things.

2. By faith we are prepared to serve, suffer, overcome.

3. As necessary in creation as redemption; we saw neither.

4. Abel came as a sinner offering the life of another.

5. Enoch believed, walked, obeyed and pleased God by faith.

6. Believe *that* He is, *what* He is, and *what He says.*

7. Noah believed what he never saw and acted accordingly.

8. Abraham gave up all worldly prospects and lived a separate life.

10. He looked for a city, though he lived in a tent and never saw a house.

11. Sarah believed the impossible and conceived when nature was dead.

12. In resurrection sprang the two families, earthly and heavenly.

13. Believed, embraced, confessed, yet died without the sight.

14. Faith gives up the things of this world for the hopes of another.

VERSE

16. No life can enter heaven that has not died to fallen things. God cannot be ashamed of His own workmanship.

17. Isaac was born to be a sacrifice. God takes back as well as gives. Faith gives up the life it has produced to Him who gave the strength to produce it.

19. All fruit for God must grow on *resurrection* ground.

20. In spite of his own inclination and family cunning, he was made to fulfill the will of God. Much failure, but one act of faith mentioned.

22. With his hand on Egypt's treasures and his foot on Egypt's throne, his heart was in Canaan, where he wanted to be buried.

23. Seven stages in the history of Moses. He first gets a victory over the world, then over himself, then leads the people.

25. Chose poverty, affliction and the reproach of Christ.

26. Resisted the attractions of this world for the rewards of the next.

28. Used the life of another to shelter the people from judgment.

29. Through death and resurrection, they are led out to God.

30. No wall could have stood before them had they continued faithful.

31. She heard and believed. She showed her faith by her works.

VERSE

32. No mention here of failures, only acts of faith. By faith they stood, they fought, they walked, they overcame.

33. All things are possible to faith, in earth or heaven.

The *foundation* of faith, the *word* of God.
The *power* of faith, the *spirit* of God.
The *object* of faith, the *Son* of God.

34. To have *great* faith, exercise what you have. To have faith *grow*, *feed well* on the promises.

35. There is a faith that *refuses* as well as accepts deliverance.

36. What it costs in all ages to be true to God: *All you have.*

38. Of such a company, truly the world was not worthy.

39. These names will be high on the roll of honor in heaven.

40. Israel will be rewarded with earthly blessing, we with heavenly; but the two families in heaven and earth will be united in the eternal state.

CHAPTER XII.

The government of God over His people.

1. Heaven and earth are watching the results of the race. Strip, tear off and burn all that would hinder. Run and be patient.

VERSE

2. Three little words, but they are the beginning and end of faith. He knew the joy, and it made the cross and shame seem light.

3. Do not talk of *our* trials and sufferings. "Consider Him." The road is hilly and thorny, but glory is at the top. With the world behind us, a palace and crown before us, keep right on; the end is nearer than we think.

5. Do not despise trial; do not faint under fire. You cannot bear the fruit of righteousness without the plow, the harrow, and the knife.

6. Dry grapes make raisins, but *bruised* grapes make wine.

7. Wheat must be *threshed* for grain, but *crushed* for flour.

8. The shepherd's hand comes down sometimes to keep us in the road.

9. The heaviest strokes may be the strongest expression of His love.

10. To be partakers of His holiness, we must share in His sufferings.

11. Such a harvest of fruit comes after long years of waiting.

13. Hands, feet, and knees need strength. He can give it.

14. If our ways please God, He will take care of our enemies.

15. Many may be the hindrances, but His grace is superior to them all.

18. We are not come to Sinai. Look to Jesus on Calvary.

VERSE

22. Seven things we *are* come to. Old things are passed away.

24. The blood of Abel cried for vengeance. Jesus' blood cried for mercy on those who receive Him, but for wrath on those who refuse Him.

28. Kingdoms rise and fall, but His is everlasting.

29. Full assurance in Him. He went through the fire for us.

CHAPTER XIII.

Love, sympathy and hospitality ought to characterize Christians.

4. Marriage is a divine institution, intended for offspring not lust.

5. Those who deserve nothing can be content with little. Our Father is rich and unfailing and will not let us suffer.

6. With such a helper, we should have neither care nor fear.

7. Reverence your teachers, follow their faith, obey their word.

8. The object of our faith, the foundation of our safety, the ground of our certainty—are as sure as heaven can make them.

9. A heart established in grace and mind established in truth cannot fail.

10. We are worshipers, not servants. Our altar is where our Priest lives.

VERSE

11. The blood on the altar is the foundation of our *worship.*

12. The body burned outside the camp is the foundation of our *discipleship.* If our master suffered outside the camp, we cannot reign within.

13. Go forth from everything He cannot endorse or live with.

14. Citizens there and strangers here. Inside the veil, outside the camp.

15. Praise to God, the fruit of our lips, to rise continually.

16. Doing good, the fruit of our lives, as we have opportunity.

17. Obey those whom God has gifted and set over us.

18. A good conscience before God and a correct life before men are acceptable.

20. He would be a God of war, were it not for Jesus Christ. He was the God of judgment at the cross, but the God of peace at the open grave.

21. He is more pleased with His work *in* us than any work we can do. *Doing His will* is the perfection of service.

EPISTLE OF JAMES.

This is an epistle of works, showing the genuineness of faith. Redemption not spoken of and nothing of the blood of Christ. Written to the twelve tribes and linked with Judaism and the synagogue.

CHAPTER I.

VERSE

2. Once "lead us not into temptation," now count it a joy. Why?

3. Because a faith that will not stand testing is not worth having.

4. It is easier to believe a promise than to patiently wait for it.

5. Where to get wisdom—at headquarters. How?—ask for it.

6. Faith the key to heaven's mysteries. He gets most who asks most.

7. A man usually gets all he really looks for.

8. A man with two minds is as unsafe as one with two faces.

9. Rich or poor makes no difference. We are all heirs of God.

11. We have nothing to boast of here; it will soon be gone.

VERSE

12. Never a trial, but a blessing comes with it. The crown of life is only for the *tried* ones. God had one Son without sin, but never one without suffering.

13. Temptation is of the devil, but *trial* comes from God.

14. The hardest trial is to get along with the flesh.

17. Everything worth having comes from above. He does not take back. The gifts are like the Giver—unchangeable.

18. In the new birth our will was not consulted. We are saved, cleansed and kept by the word of truth.

19. Faith is by hearing. Be readier to hear than to talk.

20. A hearing ear implies a subjected heart and controlled tongue.

21. The word received will save from sin and uncleanness.

22. Believers and doers are blood relatives.

23. Inward principles and outward practice should go together.

24. Some see, but go their way and soon forget the sight.

25. The one who keeps on looking and doing gets the blessing.

26. Not enough to be religious outside, but godly within. A deceived heart and unbridled tongue are fit associates.

VERSE

27. Personal holiness and active benevolence approved above. God should have the first place, the afflicted next, self the last and lowest.

CHAPTER II.

People in the synagogue sometimes sat according to rank.

1. True faith has no respect of person or place.

2. Distinctions are for the outside; we are all one in Christ.

4. No favorites in heaven, there ought not to be here.

5. The quality of a man's faith, not the size of his bank account, determines his position in the Kingdom of Heaven.

7. Touch a member of the body and you touch the Head.

8. The royal law places our neighbor above ourselves.

9. God's law transgressed in pew-renting and all distinctions.

10. The law is a chain. Break one link and your chain is useless.

12. The law of liberty sets one above all this, to act in love.

13. The mercy shown to us ought to be manifested to others.

14. Pious words without pious works are vanity.

VERSE

16. Many say, "I believe," but give the lie to it by their acts.

17. Paul stigmatizes dead works; James dead faith.

18. God sees the faith, men only see the works.

19. A correct belief will have a corresponding life. Devils believe and tremble; we believe and rejoice.

20. Faith before God is always accompanied with works before men.

23. When Abraham *believed* God, he was justified by *faith.*

21. When he *obeyed* God, he was justified by *works.*

22. Faith and works like two oars of a boat; you need both to go.

25. Rahab believed the report and showed it by her works.

26. As a live body will act, so a live faith will work.

CHAPTER III.

1. A Christian can be loyal to but one master, —Christ.

2. We fail as often in our words as in our works.

3. We can bridle a horse, but cannot bridle the tongue.

4. We can steer a ship easier than control the lips.

VERSE

5. It is easier to start a fire than to put it out.

6. Heavier blows are struck with the tongue than the hand.

7. The great inlets of temptation are the eye and ear; the great outlet of sin is the tongue; the heart is the master of the whole body. Let grace rule the heart then the whole man is safe.

8. What man cannot do, the grace of God can and will do.

9. Much in the word about walking, very little about talking.

10. Blessing and cursing must come from opposing natures.

12. When He opens our mouth, it is to show forth His praise.

13. A wise man sets a watch before the door of his lips.

17. Seven peculiarities of heavenly wisdom. True wisdom is found *above the sun*, not here.

CHAPTER IV.

1. Lust causes envy, and envy creates strife and discord.

2. The promises are to those who wait and pray, not fight.

3. Many prayers are unanswered because they aim to gratify self.

4. Conformity to this world is disloyalty to God. We cannot be a friend of Christ and love the world that murdered Him.

VERSE

6. Courting the world's favor, we lose the favor of God.

7. Do not reason or parley with Satan; give him the word.

8. To ascend the hill of the Lord, we must have clean hands and a pure heart.

9. We joy in Christ, but sorrow over a perishing world.

11. The culprit never should take the place of the Judge.

13. To act without taking God into account is practical atheism.

14. To-morrow belongs to God; we only have the present.

15. No need of a will of our own. He wills for us.

17. Neglected duty and failure to live up to our light is *sin*. To go ahead of our faith is presumption. To go behind our conscience is wilfulness.

CHAPTER V.

1. Riches and rust, gold and grief go together.

2. Nothing earthly escapes the ravages of worm and moth.

3. Wealth laid up on earth, only adds fuel to the bonfire. Much gathered for a *rainy* day will be burned at the *last day*.

4. Fraud and oppression at the bottom of most money-getting. People are robbing the Christ only to help on the anti-christ.

VERSE

5. Pleasure, popularity and power will be short lived.

7. The coming of the Lord is a great incentive to patience. Pentecost was the early rain; the millenium will be the latter.

8. Jesus' life was all suffering and patience. He waits, so must we.

10. As we take their place of testimony, we shall share their treatment.

11. The trials of Job brought double blessing at the end. The beginning may seem hard, but the "end is tender mercy." God honors faithful servants and comforts persecuted ones.

13. Prayer and praise will keep the lips from anything profane.

15. An unlimited promise for those who are sick. The only condition is,—it shall be the prayer of *faith*. *Three "shalls."*

16. Confess your faults to each other; your sins to God. A righteous man's prayers have great might in heaven.

17. Elias prevailed because he prayed according to the will of God.

19. To lead others to the truth, we must first know the way.

20. Greater work than to raise the dead is to lead a soul to *Christ*.

I. EPISTLE OF PETER.

Written to strangers, both elect Jew and Gentile.

CHAPTER I.

VERSE

2. Chosen of God, redeemed by blood, kept by the Spirit. The blood in the basin not enough; faith is the hyssop that applies it.

3. Begotten, not adopted, to a living hope, through a risen Christ.

4. We have the *title*, but have not yet come into *possession*. Insured in a company that will not fail, with a *policy non-forfeitable*.

5. The same power that keeps the inheritance holds us.

6. We can always rejoice when we look up and out.

7. A faith that will not stand fire is not pure gold. Our praise and honor, when He comes. All *our fire* is on *this side of the grave*.

8. We believe and rejoice in One whom we have never seen.

9. Faith begins and ends in a Person, our Saviour.

VERSE

10. It is ours to see and enjoy what the prophets foretold.

11. We are now living between the suffering and the glory.

12. Some are less occupied with the work of God than angels who were never lost.

13. If we get so much at His first coming, how much more at the second.

14. Outward walk and inward life ought to correspond.

15. Holiness and obedience go together; Christ is our pattern. Our leanness of soul and lack of power show failure in hearing.

16. The word that is *meat* to the new man is a *sword* to the flesh.

17. Pass the time in obedience, fear, holiness and love.

18. What we were *redeemed from* and *what redeemed us.*

19. We are full of blemish, but He is without spot.

20. Ordained before the world was; manifested in the last times.

21. Faith, hope and love all center in Him.

22. Souls are purified as well as bodies by obeying the truth.

23. Born again, born from above, born of the word of God. The seed is incorruptible, *so is the life* that springs from it.

25. Both we and the word will live, when heaven and earth perish.

CHAPTER II.

VERSE

1. Five things we must lay aside to begin a Christian life.

2. Where there is life and health, there will be appetite. If born of the word, we will desire to *feed* upon *it*, nothing else.

3. After a taste of pure milk, chalk and water will not do.

4. For the chosen, precious things of God, the natural man has no use.

5. A spiritual house, of spiritual members, for spiritual service. Our worship is where our altar and High Priest are.

6. He is the corner stone; we are living stones of His building.

7. *How* precious He is, known only by the obedient believer.

8. Disobedience the cause of so much stumbling and offense at the word. It is not because men cannot, but they *will not believe.*

9. What Israel could not be under law, we *are* under grace. The object of our calling—to show forth His praise. As *holy* priests, we draw nigh unto God to *worship.* As *royal* priests, we go out into the world to *serve.*

10. First we are to know our place, then walk in it. Our birth, our testimony, our calling are all heavenly.

11. The greatest hindrance to soul growth is the flesh.

VERSE

12. A godly life commands respect, the best kind of testimony.

13. We cannot rule where He did not. Our place is one of submission.

15. Holy living and well-doing is the strongest kind of argument.

20. Three steep steps: Do well, suffer for it, and be patient.

21. Follow *His steps*, not law, conscience or human opinion. To follow Christ, we must have His *nature*—Sons of God. To imitate Christ, we must have His *power*,—the Holy Ghost. To reflect Christ, we must keep our eye on Him in the glory.

23. He committed all to the Judge, so ought we.

24. He took *all* our sins—past, present and future. He ended and buried all our sins in His grave.

25. Once lost, now found; once wanderers, now returned.

CHAPTER III.

1. Obedience to the word is a sure test of discipleship.

3. The less one has inside, usually the more show outside.

4. We never read that *great display* is in His sight of great price.

5. Subjection was adornment then, called weakness now.

VERSE

6. Love and loyalty to their lord was an evidence of being Sarah's daughters.

7. Honor your wife as one in Christ, and He will honor your prayers.

8. A Christian cannot afford to be less than a gentleman.

9. A man blessed of God will be a blessing to others.

10. A temperate tongue and lips is a good insurance policy.

12. He cannot look on sin, but sees us in His Son.

13. A life that is hid in Him is beyond harm.

14. Suffering for His sake is an evidence that we resemble Him.

15. A sanctified heart and intelligent head will find a scriptural reason as the basis of faith and answer to infidelity.

16. The best way to put scoffers to shame is to walk with God.

17. You cannot do the will of God and not suffer.

18. He brings us *to* God, by being put away from God. He suffered *for* sin, that we might be delivered *from* sin.

19. He proclaimed liberty to the captives and victory over death. The saved of other ages awaiting His triumph in resurrection.

20. As Noah was baptized in the ark, so are we in Christ. Baptism is a sign of death and resurrection for the world and a seal unto God.

VERSE

21. As the grave ended His earthly life, so baptism ends our life of sin. As the deluge divided the old world from the new, so baptism divided our old life in Adam from the new in Christ.

22. He took the lowest place in death and has the highest in resurrection.

CHAPTER IV.

1. It is only the *animal* in us that sins, suffers, or dies.

2. When we live to God, we die to sin and the flesh.

3. We are done with the world's pleasures, powers and pursuits.

4. Men will bear anything from you better than *turning away.*

5. Standing before Him, we will not heed the judgment of man.

6. We shall be judged by Him for the way we have loved and lived the truth.

7. Be watchful, sober, prayerful, for we are nearing the end.

8. Charity is the top stone of the building,—chief of the graces.

9. We have no right to refuse those whom Christ has received.

10. True ministry is a gift of grace and cannot be bought or hired.

VERSE

11. We speak His words, not the thoughts or opinions of men.

12. It is not strange that those who follow Him should be tried.

13. Rejoice because great trials are forerunners of great blessings. Sorrow precedes joy; suffering comes before the glory.

14. We do not suffer for His name, till we reject human names. If we refuse human authority and tradition, we shall be assailed.

15. Shun evil, even the appearance of it.

16. It is a glory to suffer for Him, who so suffered for us.

17. God judges His people *now;* the world's judgment is coming.

18. If correct lives will not bear the test, what hope is there for the ungodly?

19. We shall never suffer more than He permits for our good. We are in safe hands; He holds the keys of hell and death.

CHAPTER V.

1. All Christians will share the glory, because of His grace; but not all will have honor as the result of obedience.

2. We cannot feed others while starving ourselves. What is a joy in our own souls, we will gladly share with others.

3. Not lords, but examples; not drivers, but shepherds.

VERSE

4. Our reward when Jesus comes. Do not look for any here. A crown of glory awaits those who feed the flock.

5. Subjection, submission, humility; not pride, self-will or independence.

6. Take the low place here and find the highest there.

7. He died to take away our sins; He lives to take away our care. Trust Him now in the darkness, we shall not need to in the light.

8. The same warning our Lord gave Peter: Satan is watching us.

9. The only successful weapon against him is the word of God.

10. By suffering, we get rid of the dross and the chaff.

The strongest in Heaven lives for the weakest on earth. A dying Christ saved us; a living Christ is now our friend. He loved us in our sins; He cares for us now that sin is put away.

II. EPISTLE OF PETER.

CHAPTER I.

VERSE

1. To those who through faith stand in the righteousness of God.

2. As knowledge of Him increases, grace and peace are multiplied.

3. The power that gives us life will make us godly, through the word.

4. As we lay hold of the promises, we become like the Promiser. Those who know Him best, value the promises most.

5. Faith is the foundation of the perfect seven-storied building. Heavenly addition is proportioned to earthly subtraction. First *know* His will, then have the courage to *do* His will.

6. Temperance means self-control; patience means waiting and suffering.

7. The more godly we are, the more we shall act in grace and love.

8. Abundant grace ought to be manifested by abundant fruit.

9. One may be purged from sin and yet be near-sighted.

10. Called to glory, elected to be holy: *make it real to all.* His purpose, promise and power do not fail, though we do.

VERSE

11. Enter gloriously, with sails all set and doors wide open. Richly, royally, not scarcely or "so as by fire."

12. It is not enough to know, but to be continually reminded.

13. Peter was not afraid of repeating his sermons.

14. Make the most of time, we have not long to stay.

15. Few find the worth of men until they are gone.

16. The second coming of our Lord is not a fable, but a fact.

17. A foretaste of His greater glory, when His work is done.

18. He saw the glory and heard the voice from heaven, but—

19. The *word was more* to Peter than either sight or sound. The darkest hour is now, but the day-dawn is near.

20. No patent on the word; the Author is the only interpreter.

21. Man's will, thought and imagination must be set aside before the Holy Ghost can have power to act.

CHAPTER II.

1. As in old times there were *false prophets* among the people, so in modern days there shall be *false teachers* in the church. Satan always

VERSE

brings in the false to counteract the true. Jesus bought all, but redeemed, quickened and delivered His own.

2. Many followers; the crowd likes the counterfeit best. The way of truth is more in danger from professed friends than its enemies.

3. A lie often pays better and is more popular than the truth. Reckoning day will change things; true judgment is sure to come.

4. Darkness and chains for fallen angels, what for a guilty world?

5. The old world perished by water, the present will perish by fire.

6. Let Sodom be a warning and condemnation of sin.

7. Fire never falls till the Lots are all delivered.

8. Lot was not vexed enough to get out until he was dragged out.

9. He delivers the godly, but reserves the ungodly for punishment.

10. Licentious, socialists, infidels, having no fear of God.

12. Beastly and brutal, ignorant and vile, they go to their own place.

13. Riotous revelers, sporting and spotted with sin.

14. Sensual, adulterous, covetous and cursed.

15. Knowing the right, but following the wrong for the sake of pay.

VERSE

16. The ass could see farther than the prophet blinded by greed.

17. Empty professors, without giving light or food.

18. Liberalists, agnostics, free-thinkers, wiser than their Maker.

19. Their liberty means license; their God is themselves.

20. Habits may be abandoned, pollutions escaped, yet their hearts not be touched. A delivered and translated man cannot be overcome permanently.

21. Converted in head, not heart; reformed, but not regenerated.

22. A Christian is neither a dog nor a sow, rather a sheep. A sheep may fall in the mire, but will not wallow in it. A hog will grunt and a dog growl when hurt or kicked; but a sheep will not open his mouth.

CHAPTER III.

1. Pure minds need stirring often and the truth will do it.

2. Prophecy is full of the coming of the Lord, —both advents.

3. Men scoff at what they hate or cannot understand.

4. Judging by what they see and not by what God says.

5. Wilfully ignorant that what He has done He can do again.

VERSE

6. So men scoffed once, but the flood came and swept them away.

7. The same word will be fulfilled next in a flood of fire. God's promises are not all sight-drafts, but are paid as agreed.

8. Time not counted by Him who lives in an eternal present.

9. Delay is for the salvation of the elect. As Noah knew the flood could not come until he was safe in the ark, so we know the fire will not come until the last member of the body is saved.

10. Property in the burned district will be a poor investment. Heaven and earth will perish; the word is all we can take with us.

11. Character is the only thing that will stand the fire of judgment.

12. Looking for the Lord, not for any improvement in the world.

13. He never promises to patch up the old; we look for the new. In the millenium, righteousness *reigns;* in the new earth, it *dwells.*

14. In Him, we ought to bear a blameless walk and spotless life.

15. Long-suffering toward our sins, He is patient with our infirmities.

16. Flesh cannot understand spirit; darkness cannot comprehend light. The scriptures are the savor of life or death, as we use them.

17. We may fall from steadfastness, but not from eternal life.

I. EPISTLE OF JOHN.

John's gospel was concerning the Son of God; this epistle tells us of the *sons* of God. In the gospel, God is seen seeking our worship; in the epistle, our companionship. Here we see the character, communication and manifestation of the divine life.

CHAPTER I.

VERSE

1. Being intimately associated with Jesus, he was sure of what he spoke.

2. Life is first manifested *in* us, afterward *through* us to others.

3. Fellowship is more than sonship; in one we get *life*, in the other *power*. Fellowship with each other is in proportion to our fellowship with Him.

4. Joy is not in self, but in the word and what it tells.

5. He is the author and center of life, light and love.

6. Light and darkness, truth and falsehood can have nothing in common.

VERSE

7. In such light there cannot be a thing between us. The blood *makes* us clean, the word *keeps* us clean. The blood is applied but *once*, the water of the word should be *daily*.

8. Sin is always *in* us, but need not be *on* us. Sin is what we *are*, sins what we *do;* sin is the tree, sins the fruit.

9. God's simple remedy for sins: *confess* them and He puts them away. We confess not for forgiveness, but because we are forgiven. God forgives sins, but condemns sin; loves sinners, but hates sin. He never was and never can be reconciled to sin. He never needed reconciling to the sinner, but the sinner did to Him. He is *faithful*, because of His word; *just*, because of the blood.

10. God says there is no difference, *all* have sinned. If we deny this, we make Him a liar.

CHAPTER II.

1. We *need* not sin, if we go by the book. *If* we sin, we have an advocate with the Father,—the Judge's own Son. Satan accuses, Jesus pleads, and He has never yet lost a case.

2. He keeps the way to the mercy-seat always open; come boldly.

3. Walking, confessing, keeping—a sure way of knowing.

4. Knowing Him, we shall know, love and keep His word.

5. There can be no higher attainment than keeping the word.

VERSE

6. His life and walk a pattern; keep close to the copy.

7. The spirit of the commandment is always the same.

8. The new fulfils the old, as the day fulfils the dawn.

9. Light and love go together, as sun and heat, and are inseparable.

10. Love is the atmosphere of heaven, above clouds or darkness.

11. Hatred is of the devil and born in the night.

12. Written to forgiven ones; *are*, not may be or hope to be.

13. As we know and trust the Father, we shall overcome evil.

14. The word is our weapon and He our source of strength.

15. We cannot love two conflicting and opposing things at the same time.

16. Lust, envy and pride, the trinity of evil in this world.

17. Eternal security is found in doing the will of God.

18. Anti-christ may be anything that will take His place.

19. Unlike souls must separate; error cannot live with truth.

20. The holy anointing shows us what is divine and what is human.

VERSE

21. The written word and indwelling Spirit are in perfect accord.

22. Rejecting the Divine and accepting human testimony is anti-christ.

24. Clinging to the word is our safety in an evil day.

25. The promise depends on His strength and not our failure.

26. One who is forewarned and forearmed need not be seduced.

27. With one book and one Teacher, all we need is a teachable spirit.

28. He may come at any time. Let our house be clean and in order.

29. If born of God, we shall bear the family likeness. We are predestinated to look and act like our Father.

CHAPTER III.

1. Wonderful condescension, to commit the honor of His name to us. A *new* birth and *new* nature are necessary to be a son of God. The more we resemble Him, the less the world will know us.

2. We are sons in name, nature, place, privilege and responsibility. *Like* Him and *with* Him soon, in a place that will be worthy of Him.

3. Nothing so purifying as the hope that He will soon be here.

4. Sin is lawlessness and self-will, an outrage upon grace.

VERSE

5. Sin will be put away as His life becomes manifest in us.

6. Sin is easy when we do not walk with Him.

8. Begun at the cross and accomplished at His second coming.

9. The Divine nature in us cannot sin, because born of God. Charge sin where it belongs,—to the old Adam nature.

10. Love and righteousness are two marks of the Divine birth.

11. In loving Him, we accept both the message and the messenger.

12. Religion of self and flesh always hates that of the Spirit.

13. We cannot expect to be crowned where our Lord was crucified.

14. One evidence of a new nature: loving what we once hated.

15. Envy, strife and malice are incipient murder in His sight.

16. Having one spirit with Him, we shall gladly lay down our lives.

17. A rich Christian, according to this verse, would be a paradox.

18. To love in truth is to live for others, not for self.

19. Three ways of knowing a true believer: (1) they love; (2) they are subject to the word; (3) they practice righteousness.

20. Faith cannot be bold where the conscience is not clean.

VERSE

21. Clean hands and a pure heart is the basis of assurance.

22. Do His will, keep His word, and He will keep you.

23. The new commandments are just the opposite of the old:

The old demand was "Love the Lord with all your heart."

The new says, "Believe in *my* love for you."

The old said "Thou shalt love thy neighbor *as* thyself."

The new says "Love *one another* as Christ loved you."

24. We keep His commandments, when we abide in Him and He in us.

CHAPTER IV.

1. One test for the Spirits: *Try them* by the word. This is a day of counterfeits, but the Holy Spirit will reveal the true.

3. Intellectual, moral, ideal, anything but the Christ of God.

4. We are on the winning side, Satan received his death wound at the cross.

5. The world owns and applauds its own,—those who are of it.

6. Test of a believer: One who hears and owns God's word through us.

VERSE

7. Love is an intuition of the new life; we cannot help loving.

8. We cannot know God and not love Him: for He is love. *Cause.*

9. The manifestation of that love was in the Son. *Effect.*

10. That love was sufficient to atone for all our sins. *Measure.*

11. Because of this love we are constrained to love one another. *Responsibility.*

12. We love Him by returning the love given to us.

13. Secret of birth, sonship, assurance and victory: His Spirit.

14. We know what we testify, because He has said it.

15. True confession: *that* He is, *what* He is, and what He *does.*

16. Knowing, believing, dwelling and loving.

17. Perfect love gives perfect assurance and perfect boldness. The Christian's standing is Christ, just as near and dear as He.

18. Our only fear lest we should displease Him. We have no fear of death or hell, for Jesus has the keys of both.

19. Believing His love *for* us and *to* us produces His love *in* us.

20. The depth and intensity of that love will be manifested in the manner of our treatment of brethren.

CHAPTER V.

VERSE

1. The love that saves us unites us to all that are saved.

2. Enjoying fellowship with Him and then with all who love Him.

3. Loving Him, it is never a hardship to serve Him.

4. True faith first overcomes self and then the world.

6. The Son brings the truth, the Spirit applies it. Blood for the sinner, the word for the saint.

7. The presence of Jesus was a revelation of the *Father*. His presence on the throne is a revelation of the *Holy Ghost*. His return with His Bride will be a revelation of the *glory*.

8. All witness to a finished work, an accomplished salvation.

9. When and what God says is enough for faith.

10. To deny God's word is to attack the Divine integrity.

11. He put eternal life where Satan cannot touch it,—in His Son. To deny eternal salvation is to deny Christianity itself.

12. No middle ground is possible: we either have or have not.

13. Believing we have eternal life: the word says it. The sprinkled blood makes *safe*, the spoken word makes *sure*.

VERSE

14. One who walks with God will learn the will of God.

15. With His desires, our desires; we shall know how to pray.

16. The sin referred to here was punishable with bodily death.

17. There are degrees of punishment as well as of reward.

18. To say we *need* not sin is a Christian privilege; to say we *cannot* sin is a delusion and a snare.

19. The more we know our place in Him, the less we shall care for our place down here.

20. Knowledge, assurance and security are all in Him.

21. The greatest idols to be feared to-day are self and human opinion.

II. EPISTLE OF JOHN.

This epistle was written to a choice lady, not a scholar or theologian.

VERSE

1. As evil becomes more daring, truth appears more precious.

2. The truth *in us* binds us to all who love the truth.

3. Like Jesus, we should be the very sanctuary of truth.

4. As we walk with Him, it must be in love and in truth.

6. There can be no real love for God without a love for His word.

7. Deny His divinity and we deny everything.

8. Look to yourselves, not neighbors; not for fear of losing eternal life, but for fear of losing full reward.

9. Sound doctrine and sound life combine in a believer.

10. Be careful whom you harbor; judge evil doctrine.

11. God holds us accountable not only for what we associate with, but for what we consent to and endorse.

III. EPISTLE OF JOHN.

This epistle tells us of the condition of things on the extreme edge of this dispensation. The second epistle tells us whom to shut out; this one tells us whom to receive.

VERSE

2. Many of us would be sick, if that was the test of health.

3. Walking in truth is our best testimony to our brethren.

4. Rejoicing in truth ourselves and in all who walk therein.

5. Be faithful in treatment of brethren, especially strangers.

6. Our charity and help should be of a godly sort, approved in heaven.

7. Help those who will not take *help from the ungodly.*

8. As we receive truth tellers, we become *fellow helpers to the truth.*

9. Many then and now whose vanity exceeds their piety.

10. Unconverted people will not listen to the truth; unconverted men will not preach the truth or tolerate those who do.

The house of Gaius was the guest-chamber of truth and open to all who lived it. Thus he became a guardian and fellow-helper; so should we.

EPISTLE OF JUDE.

This epistle tells us of the decay and death of nominal Christianity. Jude, like Nehemiah, holds the trowel in one hand and sword in the other. Study Jude and Malachi together.

VERSE

3. Earnestly contend for the old-fashioned faith. Keep to the Book, not tradition, human expediency, or opinions of men.

4. No fear of evil, if we can keep it on the outside. Turning grace into lasciviousness; making liberty a license for lust.

5. History ought to be a solemn warning against rebellion.

6. Reserves punishment till His purposes are accomplished.

7. God in judgment destroyed Sodom, in grace saved Lot.

8. Contempt for authority is one indication of the last days.

Cain's way: No sacrifice, unconverted worship, ungodly money.

Error of *Balaam:* Religious corruption, man's priesthood, preaching for pay.

Gainsaying of Core: Open infidelity, despising God's way, resisting truth.

VERSE

12. False professors; they are fruitless, dead and doomed.

13. Shameless, sightless and wanderers in an endless night.

14. Enoch *walked with*, *witnessed for* and *pleased God*. He preached of a *coming Lord*, the *resurrection* of the saints, and the *judgment* of the ungodly.

16. Pride and licentiousness are characteristic sins of the last days.

17. Holding to the word at such a time is our only hope.

18. Ungodliness and infidelity usually go hand in hand.

19. Satan scatters, but the Spirit gathers and unites.

20. Faith is the foundation gift, we do the building. No prayer reaches Heaven that the Spirit doesn't inspire.

21. He loves us, let us live in His love,—*building, keeping, looking.*

22. Some are to be pitied rather than blamed; charity to all.

23. Contend with some, patient with others, snatching out of the fire. We have nothing to do with putting the fire out. In His own time and way, *He will do that.* The surest way to help men out of the fire is to get out ourselves first.

24. Much falling in this epistle; but we *need not* fall, for He is able to keep us from falling. Preserved *blameless* now, presented faultless *then*.

BIBLE READINGS.

The following Bible Readings have been added at the request of many former pupils, and are given to the public in the hope that they may prove a blessing to many who may not have opportunity and time for systematic study. These are a few, short studies out of a great number which the author hopes to publish in the near future, if the Lord wills.

THE PERSON OF CHRIST.

Word of God: A guide to the feet, makes us *sure*.
Work of Jesus: Rest to the conscience, makes us *safe*.
Person of Christ: Object of the heart,—*satisfies*.

What is He? Ask:

Solomon. "A friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Prov. 18: 24.

John. "The root and offspring of David, the bright and morning star." Rev. 22: 16.

Paul. "The brightness of the Father's glory, express image." Heb. 1: 3.

His Name.

Isaiah. "Wonderful, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isa. 9: 6.

Matthew. "Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He," etc. Matt. 1: 21.

Peter. "God hath made both Lord and Christ." Acts 2: 36.

Paul. "A name above every name." Phil. 2: 9.

His Voice.

His enemies: "Never man spake as this man." John 7: 46.

Winds and waves obeyed its mandate. Mk. 4: 39.

The grave gave up its dead. John 11: 43.

His Hands.

The Father hath given all things into His hand. John 3: 35.

His Eyes

Run to and fro throughout the whole earth. 2 Chron. 16: 9.

His Life.

Laid down here, raised above and soon to appear. Col. 3: 3.

I've found in Thee, Lord Jesus, the satisfying part,
That quiets every longing and stills my troubled heart;
No more in chains and bondage, Thy truth has made me free,
Once dead in sins and trespasses, I'm now alive in Thee.

I've found in Thee, Lord Jesus, the place of blessing sweet,
Not in my selfish doing, but sitting at Thy feet;
And resting in Thy finished work, I find such perfect peace,
That every care is ended and all my labors cease.

Thine arms are underneath me, my times are in Thy hand,
Thy strength sustains my weakness and by Thy grace I stand;
Thy smile lights up my pathway, Thy voice dispels my fear,
And soon in clouds of glory, for me Thou shalt appear.

To Thee Lord Jesus, Saviour, great Prophet, Priest and King,
We bow in adoration, accept the praise we bring;
Thy work has brought salvation, Thy word assurance given,
Thyself, Oh Perfect Person, shall bring us safe to heaven.

PERFECTION.

God the standard: Even as He is. Matt. 5: 48.
Christ the channel: Complete in Him. Col. 1: 28.
Holy Ghost the power: Working in us. Heb. 13: 21.
Word the instrument: Furnished to all good works. 2 Tim. 3: 17.

WE HAVE A

Perfect Saviour. Made so through suffering. Heb. 2: 10.
Perfect Priest. Great, merciful and faithful. Heb. 5: 9.
Perfect Hope. No hope in law, all in grace. Heb. 9: 9.
Perfect Book. The word is perfect, converting the soul. Ps. 19: 7.

WE ARE

Perfected forever. Sanctified by one offering. Heb. 10: 14.
Perfect in standing: measure up to it in walk. Col. 4: 12.
Perfected through suffering; also stablished and strengthened. 1 Pet. 5: 10.

WE MAY BE

Perfect in love. Fear begins and love ends. 1 John 4: 18.
Perfect in heart. The Lord always looks on such. 2 Chron. 16: 9.
Perfect in patience, through trial of faith. Jas. 1: 4.
Perfect in walk; as we walk with Him. Ps. 101: 6.

Noah was perfect in his generation. Gen. 6: 9.
Job was perfect, feared God, eschewed evil. Job. 1: 1–8.
We are perfect in Christ; nothing in the flesh. Rom. 7: 18

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

Three circles comprise the purposes of God: The kingdom of God the outer, the kingdom of Heaven next, and the church the inner circle.

Kingdom of God embraces all His work. 1 Cor. 15: 28.

Kingdom of Heaven, His acknowledged rule over the earth. Matt. 21: 43.

Kingdom and patience, during our Lord's rejection. Rev. 1: 9.

Kingdom and glory. When He comes as Son of man. Matt. 13: 41; Matt. 25: 31.

Kingdom of God's dear Son, the saint's inheritance. Col. 1: 13.

Kingdom of the Father, when all things are subdued. 1 Cor. 15: 24–28.

Kingdom in mystery. Seven parables in Matthew only. Matt. 13: 11.

Kingdom in manifestation; when righteousness reigns. Matt. 13: 43.

Keys of the kingdom: Administration to Peter, the apostle to the Jews. Matt. 16: 19.

Keynote of the kingdom: Repent, always to the Jews. Matt. 4: 17.

Kingdom characteristics: Righteousness under law. Matt. 5: 20.

Kingdom subjects: Jews at first coming, nations at second coming. Matt. 25: 34.

Kingdom postponed while the church is being gathered. Acts 15: 16.

Kingdom renewed, when the church is caught up. Hosea 3: 4, 5; Rom. 11: 23.

Kingdom preachers: John first, then apostles, next Jews. Matt. 25: 40; Rev. 11: 3.

Kingdom truth, especially in Matthew's gospel.

Kingdom prayer: The Lord's prayer, so-called. Matt. 6: 9.

Kingdom dispensation: Millennial reign over the earth. Rev. 20: 2.

Kingdom extent: All nations and all peoples. Isa. 2: 2–5.

MAN.

The nature of man: Depraved. 1 Cor. 2: 11.

The heart of man: Desperately wicked. Jer. 17: 9.

The wisdom of man: Crucified the Lord. 1 Cor. 2: 8.

Not to be trusted; he always fails. Jer. 17: 5.

Jesus knew man; He did not commit Himself. John 2: 24.

Loves darkness and lives as he loves. John 3: 19.

Grows worse and worse to the end (60 proofs). 2 Tim. 3: 13.

Heads up in the anti-christ, the devil's man. 2 Thess. 2: 3.

His only hope: To be born again; a new man. John 3: 3.

Perfect in Christ, all the work of God. Col. 1: 28.

THE WILL OF GOD.

Taught only by the Spirit, through the word. John 14: 26.

Best learned, when we have none of our own. John 7: 17.

Will follows the heart; we do what we love to do. Matt. 15: 19.

Seven evil things in man's heart; in God's, nothing but love.

When God's will is done in us, heaven is begun. Matt. 7: 21.

The highest kind of service is what He wills. John 4: 34.

Superior to any earthly claim or relationship. Mark 3: 35.

Ready to do or to suffer. 1 Pet. 3: 17.

Eternal loss in having our own way.
Eternal security in doing His will. } 1 Jno. 2: 17

"WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?"

Matt. 22: 42.

The answer decides our eternal destiny. Ask:

Moses: "Glorious in holiness, fearful in praises," etc. Ex. 15: 11.

David: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Ps. 23.

Solomon: "Chief among ten thousand," "altogether lovely." Song of Solomon 5: 10, 16.

Isaiah: "Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace." Isa. 9: 6.

John: "Behold the Lamb of God." John 1: 29.

Peter: "Thou art the Christ, Son of the living God." Matt. 16: 16.

Paul: "In Him all fulness dwells." Col. 1: 19.

Call His Enemies.

Centurion: "Truly this was the Son of God." Matt. 27: 54.

Unclean Spirits: "I know Thee, the Holy One." Mark 1: 24.

Judas: "I have betrayed innocent blood." Matt. 27: 4.

Pilate: "I find no fault in Him;" neither can you. Luke 23.

What do You Think of Him?

As Judge. Meet Him now or at that day. Acts 17: 31.

As Saviour. "Able to save to the uttermost." Heb. 7: 25.

As Sanctifier. "By offering His body once for all." Heb. 10: 10.

As High Priest. "Ever liveth to make intercession." Heb. 7: 25.

As Coming Lord. "Who shall change these bodies." Phil. 3: 21.

"AS" AND "SO."

1 John 4: 17.

Measure of sin and death. Rom. 5: 12.

Measure of resurrection: (1) soul; (2) body. John 5: 21; Rom. 8: 11.

Position: In the heavenlies, as near as He. Eph. 2: 5, 6.

Walk: Worthily, in newness of life. Rom. 6: 4; Col. 2: 6.

Love: His love now our standard. John 13: 34.

Responsibility: To the Head and every member. 1 Cor. 12: 12.

Humility: Ready to wash each other's feet. John 13: 14, 15.

Forgiveness: Forbearing even as He. Col. 3: 13.

Hope: Coming Lord. As He went so He will come. Acts 1: 11.

"WHAT IS THAT IN THINE HAND?"

Ex. 4: 2.

Moses: Only a rod. Divided the sea and smote the rock. Ex. 14: 17.

Gideon: Only a pitcher, to hold the light and rout the foe. Judges 7.

David: Only a sling. Put to flight the Philistines. 1 Sam. 17.

Widow: Only a pot of oil. Paid the debt and gave her a living. 2 Kings 4.

Andrew: Only five loaves and two fishes. With His blessing, fed the multitude. John 6: 9.

Mary: Only a box of ointment. Its perfume filled the earth. John 12: 3.

You: Only a Bible. It is the power of God to save and keep. Rom. 1: 16.

ALL OF GOD.

1 Cor. 11: 12.

Grace of God. Brings Salvation. Titus 2: 11.

Born of God. Not of flesh or man. John 1: 13.

Word of God. Treats us as we treat Him. John 1: 1.

Faith of God. God both object and source. Mark 11: 22.

Peace of God. Beyond thought or understanding. Phil. 4: 7.

Love of God. Love and light go together. Jude 21.

Righteousness of God. When none of our own. Phil. 3: 9.

Joy of God. We have none in self. Rom. 5: 11.

Power of God. Through the gospel. Rom. 1: 16.

Sufficiency of God. For every time and place. 2 Cor. 3: 5.

Judgment of God. For the impenitent. Rom. 2: 5.

HIS PRESENCE.

Promised to Moses, and rest given. Ex. 33: 14.
Our sure hiding place. Ps. 31: 20.
We never can escape Him. Ps. 139: 7.
There is fulness of joy and pleasure. Ps. 16: 11.
No flesh can glory there. 1 Cor. 1: 29.
Our High Priest is there for us. Heb. 9: 24.
None but the upright dwell there. Ps. 140: 13.
Evil-doers shut out from His presence. 2 Thes. 1: 9
Blameless now, faultless in His presence. Jude, 24

GOD'S GIFTS.

His Son. John 3: 16. What will you do with Him?
His Spirit. John 16: 8. To comfort or reprove, —which?
His word. John 12: 48. To justify or judge.
Himself. Gal. 1: 4. He takes our sins; we take Him.
Eternal life. Rom. 6: 23. What we cannot earn or buy.
Grace. James 4: 6. For salvation, service and testimony.
Wisdom. James 1: 5. He is the only source.
All things. Rom. 8: 32. Son first, the rest will follow.
Crown of life. Rev. 2: 10. To those who give up life here.

THE INTERMEDIATE STATE.

A place of great consciousness for two classes. Luke 16: 23.

A place of comfort or of torment. Luke 16: 25.

Paradise to-day; the kingdom when He comes. Luke 23: 43.

This tabernacle, earthly house, our mortal body. 2 Cor. 5: 1.

Our house from heaven, the resurrection body. 2 Cor. 5: 2.

Clothed, the present condition of believers.

Unclothed, the intermediate, waiting condition of the dead. 2 Cor. 5: 4.

Clothed upon, the condition when our Lord comes.

Absent from the body means present with the Lord. 2 Cor. 5: 8.

Intermediate condition is "far better" than the flesh. Phil. 1: 23.

Paradise changed now to the third heaven. 2 Cor. 12: 2–4.

The transfiguration represented the condition of the departed dead. Luke 9: 29, 30.

To Mary is revealed the gulf between the living and the dead,—between fleshly and spiritual. John 20: 17.

Only in resurrection can we touch Him. } John
Flesh cannot touch the Son of God. } 20: 17.

When our eyes are opened we shall see through the veil. Luke 24: 31.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

(SO-CALLED.)

A Jewish disciple's prayer connected with the kingdom, not the church. Matt. 6: 10.

Especially appropriate before the cross and not after redemption was accomplished. Lu. 22: 35.

Nothing asked for yet in the name of Jesus. John 16: 24.

Much here is ours by virtue of the cross. 2 Pet. 1: 3.

The Holy Ghost now teaches us how to pray. Rom. 8: 26, 27.

ANALYSIS.

Father, not afar off, but in us by His Spirit. John 14: 17, 23.

The name of Christ, not the Father, now exalted. Eph. 1: 21.

The King must come before the kingdom is set up. He never comes as King to the church.

The Bride prays "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Rev. 22: 20.

Our portion, in the heavenlies, doing His will. Eph. 1: 3.

We have bread assured and all we need. Phil. 4: 19.

We have forgiveness of our sins through Him. Eph. 1: 7.

We are blessed for *enduring* temptation. Jas. 1: 12

We are delivered from the power of darkness. Col. 1: 13.

He gave Himself that He might deliver us. Gal. 1: 4.

NOTE.—This prayer will be fitly used again by Jewish disciples during the coming tribulation, after the church is taken away.

THE RICH FOOL.

Luke 12: 16.

No fault, no crime, just selfishness. All "I," not "what Thou wilt."

VERSE

16. His ground: Only leased, borrowed, a tenant. Lev. 25: 23.

17. All of self and now; nothing of God or hereafter.

18. Earthly storehouse; no interest in God's poor or heaven.

19. *What he said:* "Enough for many years," nothing for eternity. Eating, drinking, easy time, yet no real peace or joy.

The world said: Provident, wise, successful, to be envied.

20. *God said:* Fool, to-night you shall leave it all.

LESSONS FOR US.

A man may be rich in body and beggared in soul.

Only what we lay out for God is laid up in heaven.

The true object of money-getting is to give to the needy. Eph. 4: 28.

Do not let a god of gold keep you from the God of heaven.

GOD IS ABLE.

To give much more than we give up. 2 Chron. 25: 9

To deliver from the lion's mouth. Dan. 6: 22.

To deliver from the fiery furnace. Dan. 3: 17.

To deliver from temptation. 1 Cor. 10: 13.
To keep what we have committed. 2 Tim. 1: 12.
To make us wise through the Scriptures. 2 Tim. 3: 15.
To save to the uttermost. Heb. 7: 25.
To keep us from falling. Jude, 24.
To do all He has promised. Rom. 4: 21.
To do above all we ask or think. Eph. 3: 20.
To destroy soul and body in hell. Matt. 10: 28.

KNOWING CHRIST.

We must know Him to have eternal life. John 17: 3.
Lack of knowledge makes the world what it is. John 17: 25.
Knowledge of self drives away from God. Ps. 139: 7.
Knowledge of man only creates distrust. John 2: 24, 25.
Knowledge of Christ transforms into His image. 2 Cor. 3: 18.
Know Him in crucifixion and death. Gal. 2: 20.
Know Him in resurrection power. Phil. 3: 10.
Know Him as quickened and raised. Eph. 2: 5, 6.
Know Him as the Coming Lord. 1 Thes. 4: 14–16.
Know the greatness of His power. Eph. 1: 19.
Know the fulness of His love. Eph. 3: 19.
Know all truth through the Spirit. 1 John 2: 20.
Know that all things work for good. Rom. 8: 28.

UNION WITH CHRIST.

IN DEATH, RESURRECTION AND GLORY.

Dead to sin. He that is dead is freed from sin. Rom. 6: 7.

Dead to law. Law cannot touch a dead man. Rom. 7: 6.

Dead to the world. Crucified to all that is in it. Gal. 6: 14.

Dead to man. His philosophy, tradition, deceit. Col. 2: 8.

Dead to self. No more I, but Christ in me. Gal. 2: 20.

RISEN WITH CHRIST.

Our citizenship is in heaven; we are strangers here. Phil. 3: 20.

Our affections in heaven; heart and treasure there. Matt. 6: 21.

Our life in heaven; we live now in the new man. 1 John 5: 11.

Our power in heaven; we have none in ourselves. Phil. 4: 13.

COMING WITH CHRIST.

Taken to Him, at the rapture of the saints. 1 Thess. 4: 16.

Appearing with Him, when He comes in judgment. Col. 3: 4.

Reigning with Him, during the millennium. Rev. 19: 14, 15.

LOVE.

Not natural to the human heart. Rom. 8: 7.
Born of God and the first fruit of the Spirit. Gal. 5: 22; 1 John 4: 19.
Love may kiss His feet, while worth may not untie His shoe. Luke 7: 38.
Love is the test and proof of discipleship. John 13: 35.
Faith is a great receiver, love a delightful giver. Gal. 1: 4.
Love is a miracle of healing and quickening.
Seven things love does; nine things love does not. 1 Cor. 13.
Seven qualities of love described in Rom. 12.
Love grows and acts best in the light. 1 John 2: 10.
Love shuns the world and does not share its joys. 1 John 2: 15.

Source of love: God who begets it. 1 John 4: 7, 19.
Manifestation of love: Jesus, the first-begotten. 1 John 4: 9.
Measure of love: The cross; His gifts. John 3: 16; 1 John 4: 10.
Responsibility of love: To love one another. 1 John 4: 11.
Test and proof of love: Keeping His word. 1 John 5: 2.
Perfection of love: Obeying His will. 1 John 2: 5.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN.

Luke 10.

VERSE

30. The man went *down.* Priest and Levites went by; thieves robbed him of clothes; Devil robbed them of sympathy. His wounds easier to heal than their hard hearts. A half dead body not so hopeless as a dead soul.

31. Priest and Levite may pass by the very work set to do. Pass opportunity here and He will pass rewards there.

32. A look of pity will not equal the touch of love. Levite was so by grace, his father a murderer. Gen. 49: 5, 6.

Twelve things in the Samaritan's work: eleven done, one waiting.

Journeyed. Did not go far to find suffering.

Came where. Go down to men's level. Priest and Levite too stiff.

Saw him. Love is clear and far-sighted; selfishness is near-sighted.

Had compassion. Recognized in him a friend and brother.

Bound wounds. Any can make wounds; only love can bind them.

Pours oil and wine. Soothed and cheered; no blame or censure.

Set on beast. Loaned his property, while he walked.

Brought to inn. No place for sick in temple or church.

Took care of him. Did not leave him to servants or hirelings.

Left in charge. Responsible party,—owner of the house.

Promised to pay. No service for him goes unrewarded.

At second coming. No reward till then. Look for Him.

"Go thou and do likewise."

POWER.

God is the source. Rom. 13: 1.
The gospel is the instrument. Rom. 1: 16.
The Holy Ghost is the demonstration. 1 Cor. 2: 4.
Christ is the channel. John 17: 2.

Power to witness. Acts 1: 8.
Power to testify. Acts 23: 11.
Power to suffer. 1 Pet. 2: 21.
Power to labor. Col. 1: 29.
Power given to the faint. Isa. 40: 29–31.
Power—how to get it. Luke 24: 49.
Power not in the instrument. Acts 3: 12.
Human power must be set aside. 2 Cor. 12: 9.
God's power not in human wisdom. 1 Cor. 2: 4.
No power apart from Christ. 1 Cor. 1: 24; John 15: 4.
Power above all we ask or think. Eph. 3: 20.
Power obtained only through obedience. Josh. 23: 6–10.

NOAH'S ARK.

Type of Christ.

The ark saved the elect child Moses from death. Ex. 2: 1–6.

The ark stood for the elect people in Jordan. Josh. 3.

The ark of the covenant kept the tables of the law. 2 Cor. 3: 7.

The ark carried an elect people through the flood. Gen. 7.

It was God's remedy, no other, and saved from judgment. 1 Cor. 3: 11.

Of divine pattern and material, according to the word of God. Ex. 25: 40.

One window in top, the only place to look for light. Ps. 121: 1.

One door, no other entrance; God shut them in. John 10: 9.

Three stories; so tabernacle, temple, heaven, man.

Clean and unclean go through the flood together. Gal. 5: 17.

A sign of baptism, death and resurrection. 1 Pet. 3: 20.

Buried, quickened, raised, seated with the ark. Ephes. 2.

RESURRECTION POWER

Raised Noah out of a dead world.

Raised Jesus out of a sin-cursed earth.

Raised us out of moral death.

Noah was saved, separated, secure, shut in.
Judgment could not fall till the ark was complete.
Men scoffed at water then and fire now. Luke 17: 26.
Noah was not insured; companies closed, took no risks.
Noah had no pump, ark water proof. So Christ secure. Heb. 2: 14.
Noah had no compass or pilot. God cared for him.
Noah had no liberty till wind (type of Spirit) allayed waters.
Ark rested on the mount on 17th month, same day that Jesus arose.
Ark never heard of again; makes way for the altar.

LIBERTY.

What Jesus came to bring. Luke 4: 18.
No absolute liberty; we serve God or Satan. Rom. 6: 19–22.
Liberty from the condemnation of sin. Rom. 8: 1.
Liberty from the power of the flesh. Rom. 8: 9–13.
Liberty from the fear of death. Heb. 2: 15.
Liberty from the bondage of law. Rom. 10: 4; Gal. 4: 4.
There is no liberty in law. Gal. 4: 3–7.
Liberty where the Spirit is present. 2 Cor. 3: 17.
We work from liberty, not for it. Gal. 5: 1.
Liberty comes through the truth. John 8: 32.
Liberty in worship. Heb. 10: 19.
Liberty in service. Col. 2: 16.

ETERNAL LIFE.

As long as eternity, without measure or end. John 6: 40.

God being the author, it must be everlasting. Eccles. 3: 14.

It is the gift of God and cannot be bought or earned. Rom. 6: 23.

God loved, God gave; we believe and we have. John 3: 16.

Pass from death to life and never pass back. John 5: 24.

God's gifts are eternal, He never takes back. Rom. 11: 29.

He gave His Son, who ever liveth to intercede. Heb. 7: 25.

He gave His Spirit to abide with us forever. John 14: 16.

He gave His word, never to pass away. Mk. 13: 31.

We are born of seed that is incorruptible. 1 Pet. 1: 23.

His word of promise sure to be fulfilled. Titus 1: 2.

The work He began He will surely complete. Phil. 1: 6.

He is greater than all our enemies. 1 John 4: 4.

He is a Saviour, not a loser of His sheep. John 10: 28.

He is Almighty and cannot fail. Gen. 17: 1.

Our security not in ourselves, but in His Son. 1 John 5: 11.

Our life, hid with Christ in God, is perfectly safe. Col. 3: 3.

If we doubt His word, we make Him a liar. 1 John 5: 10.

God the source. Holy Spirit the power.
Christ the channel. Heaven the sphere.

ETERNITY THE DURATION.

THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Born of the Spirit. Spiritual birth precedes spiritual life. John 3: 5.

Sealed with. God's mark on His own property. Eph. 1: 13.

Baptized by. Uniting all members in one body. 1 Cor. 12: 13.

Live in. As we die to nature and the flesh. Gal. 5: 25.

Filled with. As we make room for Him. Eph. 5: 18.

Led by. When we will as God wills. Rom. 8: 14.

Walk in. While we walk with Him. Gal. 5: 16.

Worship in. Spirit reaches up to Spirit. Jno. 4: 23

Pray in. He knows and tells our needs. Rom. 8: 26

Sing with. The overflow of joy in the Spirit. 1 Cor. 14: 15.

Witness of. Testimony to our acceptance. Rom. 8: 16.

Preaching in. Giving out what He gives us. 1 Cor. 2: 4.

Liberty of. Above law, forms, or set rules. 2 Cor. 3: 17.

RESURRECTION.

The Sadduces denied, now Annihilationists do. Matt. 22: 23.

Resurrection was the hope of our Lord. Matt. 17: 9

It was Paul's expectation. Acts 24: 15.

It is the assurance of the church. 1 Cor. 15: 22.

It was the fulfilment of promise. Acts 13: 33.

It is the warning of coming judgment. Acts 17: 31

It is the witness to the power of God. Rom. 1: 3, 4; 2 Cor. 13: 4.

It is the testimony of God to His work. Eph. 1: 19.

Our souls are raised, our bodies will be. Phil. 3: 20

His resurrection is a pledge and proof of ours. 1 Thess. 4: 14.

Death no more terminates our existence than His. Rom. 8: 11.

Two resurrections, one thousand years apart. John 5: 28, 29; Rev. 20: 5, 6.

No resurrection for the natural body. 1 Cor. 15: 37–44.

All fruit for God in power of resurrection. Heb. 11: 12.

God's oath to Abraham after Isaac was offered. Gen. 22: 16.

Priests were not to enter work till eighth day. Levit. 8: 33.

Our Lord began His priesthood after three days. Matt. 17: 23.

All true ministry in the power of resurrection. 2 Cor. 3: 6.

No rewards for service till the resurrection. Luke 14: 14.

No crowns will be given till the Lord comes. 2 Tim. 4: 8; 1 Pet. 5: 4.

First resurrection only for believers, when Lord comes. 1 Thess. 4: 16, 17.

Second resurrection, of unbelievers at great white throne. Rev. 20: 12.

THE LOVE OF GOD.

1 John 4: 7–16.

SHORELESS, FATHOMLESS, BOUNDLESS.

Five things: Life, peace, love, power, boldness.

VERSE

7. Love, not knowledge, the test of discipleship.

8. Having the Divine life, we cannot help loving.

9. Love shown by sending the "only begotten." Life given by raising Him from the dead.

10. Love put Him on the cross to take my place. Love put me on the throne to take His place.

13. Knowing Him is the secret of power. 1 John 5: 4.

15. Men will be lost because they reject God's Son.

17. "As He is:" Accepted, perfect, complete. So we are. Col. 2: 10.

18. Such love fears neither poverty, death nor the devil.

God cared for His Son; He will not forget His children. We cannot earn this love, but may apprehend it more.

A BIBLE CHRISTIAN.

In belief, he bows reverently to every word of God. Ps. 119: 160.

In practice, he follows implicitly every step of Christ. 1 Pet. 2: 21.

How may we know it is the word of God? On evidence. Matt. 18: 16.

Solomon, the wisest man, gives his testimony in Prov. 30: 5, 6.

Jesus said, the "Scriptures cannot be broken." John 10: 35.

Paul says, "All Scripture is profitable" and will perfect the man of God. 2 Tim. 3: 16.

(Where can you find one?)

Paul was an illustrious example of a Bible Christian. Acts 24.

Paul's *faith:* "All things written in the law and the prophets."

Paul's *hope:* "The resurrection of the dead."

Paul's *practice:* A conscience void of offence toward God and man.

SEVEN MARKS OF A BIBLE CHRISTIAN.

1. *Regenerate:* Born again, born of the word and Spirit. John 3: 5.
2. *Separate:* Chosen out, John 15: 19; comes out, 2 Cor. 6: 17; peculiar, Titus 2: 14.
3. *Sanctified:* By the Spirit, 2 Thess. 2: 13; by word, John 17: 17; by practice, 2 Tim. 2: 21.

4. *Crucified:* With Christ, Gal. 2: 20; to the world, Gal. 6: 14.
5. *Spiritual:* Not in the flesh, Rom. 8: 9–14; bears fruit of the Spirit. Gal. 5: 22.
6. *Suffering:* Persecuted, 2 Tim. 3: 12; tribulation, John 16: 33.
7. *Heavenly:* Blessings, Eph. 1: 3; home, 2 Cor. 5: 1; inheritance, 1 Pet. 1: 4.

One who hears the word of the living God. Isa. 8: 20.
One who believes the message from heaven. 1 John 3: 11.
One who owns the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. Heb. 1: 3.
One who confesses the name of the Son of God. 1 John 5: 13.
One who embraces the teaching of the Nazarene. Acts 10: 38.
One who obeys the command of the King of Kings. Rev. 19: 16.
One who follows the steps of the lowly Saviour. 1 Pet. 2: 21.
One who copies the example of the pattern man. Phil. 2: 5.
One who pleads the intercession of the great High Priest. Heb. 4: 14.
One who preaches the death and resurrection of the Son of man. Acts 2: 36.
One who looks for the personal coming of his absent Lord. 1 Thess. 4: 16.

WEIGHED IN THE BALANCES.

Daniel 5.

VERSE

1. Feast of 1,000 lords. Daniel not there, no fellowship.

3. Even in captivity God's vessels must be clean.

4. God will care for His own honor.

5. He saw the hand on the wall, we see it in the book.

6. The word still has power to trouble thoughts and loosen joints.

7. All wealth or wisdom of this world can neither blot out nor interpret.

8. None but men taught of God can interpret the word of God.

11. God's messenger, outside it all, had more influence than the Court.

14. Daniel did not know the extent of his influence before.

17. God-taught men do not bring their goods to the highest bidders. Daniel had what Babylonian schools could not teach nor money buy.

18. Speaks of facts; pointed preaching, if not popular.

22. You are not ignorant and ought to have taken warning.

23. You have used the gifts of God against the Giver.

Result: { Kingdom numbered, finished, divided.
{ The king weighed, wanting, slain.

Wanting:
- In humility; lifting self above God.
- In reverence; for God and His house.
- In gratitude; to the Giver of all he had.

So we are wanting:
- In time, talents, money, privilege and opportunity.

LIGHT.

The first recorded word from heaven, "Let there be light." Gen. 1.

Light before life, and four days before fruit.

God divided light from darkness and does so now. 2 Cor. 6: 17.

The word of God is compared to a light and lamp. Ps. 119: 105.

The entrance of that word gives light. Ps. 119: 130

Christians to be the light of the world. Matt. 5: 14

Men naturally love darkness and hate light. John 3: 20.

What the sun was to the old creation, Christ is to the new. 2 Cor. 4: 6.

Fellowship with God must always be in the light. 1 John 1: 7.

Light and love will be found together. 1 John 2: 10

Light bearers will also be truth holders. Phil. 2: 15

All secret things will be brought to the light. 1 Cor. 4: 5.

The light of the word will test Christian work. John 3: 21.

The great white throne will detect the sinner's deeds. Rev. 20: 11.

THE CALL OF THE BRIDE.

Gen. 24.

The death of Isaac (in a figure), then the putting away of Sarah (representing Israel) makes way for the call of Rebekah.

PART I.

Three persons are prominent here,—Father, Son and Servant, and all engaged in securing a Bride for Isaac.

The Son is the central figure. *For* Him the Father plans; *of* Him the servant speaks; *to* Him Rebekah is brought. And all is done that she may share His love and glory.

THE MISSION OF ELEAZER, REPRESENTING THE HOLY SPIRIT.

VERSE

4. He was to go where the Bride lived, not wait for her to come.

7. An angel was to go before and lead the way.

8. He was not responsible for results or accountable for failure.

10. He was well equipped, carried *much*, had *more* to draw from.

12. He was much in prayer; did not rely on anything He had.

14. Throws the burden on the Lord, acknowledges His ignorance.

21. He wonders and worships at the successful search.

22. He talks of the abundance and shows a few samples.

27. Acknowledges Divine leading, because He was *in the way.*

He does not speak of Himself, all about the Son. Five times.

33. He will not think of eating till His work is done.

49–58. He urges decision and will not be delayed.

He leads her *all the way* to the Father's house.

Telling of Isaac won Rebekah; telling of Jesus wins souls.

PART II.

CHARACTER OF REBEKAH.

VERSE

16. She was fair and pure, unspotted by the world.

20. She was courteous. In drawing for others she finds richer blessing.

25. She was hospitable, receiving both the message and messenger.

53. Accepts the gifts. She puts off the old, puts on the new.

58. She hears, believes, decides. Whom not having seen she loved.

61. Leaves all—home, kindred, country—and

follows the man. No doing, trying or preparing, only yielding to His leading.

She becomes the Father's choice, the Servant's care and the Son's delight.

THE POSITION OF ISAAC.

VERSE

62. In loneliness and patience awaits her arrival at Father's house.

63. At eventide, comes out to meet her in the field.

66. He does not come until the servant finished His work. Not seen after His offering, until He meets His Bride.

67. Receives His Bride, loves her and takes the mother's place.

BLIND BARTIMEUS.

Mark 10: 46.

What he was: Helpless, blind, beggar, felt his need.

What he did: Heard, cried for mercy, would not keep still, rose, cast away his garment, came and called Him "Lord."

What Jesus did: Stood still, called, asked what he wanted, and healed him by His word.

RESULT.

Bartimeus received his sight and followed the Lord.

NAAMAN THE LEPER.

2 Kings, Chap. 5.

Great, honorable, mighty, yet a leper. Helpless, hopeless, incurable.

A little maid, but she knew the great prophet.
A little instrument, but the means of great blessing.

HIS MISTAKES.

Sending to the king instead of to the messenger of God.
Thinking gold and silver could purchase the gift of God.
Getting angry at the preacher's message.
Setting up his thoughts in place of the prophet's word.

HIS EFFORTS.

He came in great style, but had to be stripped.
He preferred his own rivers, but took Jordan,—judgment.
He wanted to do great things, but descended to the humblest.
He wanted his own way, but submitted to God's way.

The Command: "Go wash," then "Go in peace."

His obedience: Brought healing, blessing and peace, all by the word.

He surrendered; he stripped; he stooped; he washed; he was saved; he was satisfied.

SIN AND SINS.

Sin is what is in us by birth, or what we *are*.

Sins are what are on us by practice, or what we *do*.

Sin is lawlessness, coming short of the glory of God. Rom. 3: 23.

How did it come? By one man. Rom. 5: 12.

It is universal, all are under the curse. Gal. 3: 22.

Sin is in all flesh, none are exempt. Rom. 7: 17, 18.

Sin is reproved by the Holy Ghost. John 16: 8.

Sin is condemned by the law. Rom. 8: 3.

The wages of sin is death. Rom. 6: 23.

Christ was made sin and so dealt with. 2 Cor. 5: 21

He put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. Heb. 9: 26.

We are dead to sin, Rom. 6: 2. Freed from it, Rom. 6: 7–22.

The new man, or nature, cannot sin. 1 John 3: 9.

We have an Advocate, if we do sin. 1 John 2: 1.

We need not sin, if we always follow the Book. 1 John 2: 1.

Charge sin where it belongs,—to the old man. Rom. 7: 18.

We are not responsible for sin or Adam, but for sins and self.

Sins of ignorance, Lev. 4: 27.
Sins of failure, Rom. 3: 12.
Sins of wilfulness, Heb. 10: 26.
Sins unto bodily death, 1 John 5: 16.

} Through Christ are Taken away, John 1: 29.

} Washed, Acts 22: 16.

} Purged, Heb. 1: 3.

Being forgiven, all we need to do is to confess them. 1 John 1: 9.

JESUS, SAVIOUR FROM SIN.

Matt. 1: 21.

WHAT IS SIN.

Serpent in the bosom. Burden on the conscience.
Thief in the closet. Defilement of the person.
Poison in the stomach. Bondage in the life.
Sword in the heart. Disease in the nature.

WHAT HE DID.

Bore my sins in His own body. 1 Pet. 2: 24.
Put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. Heb. 9: 26.
Gave Himself for our sins. Gal. 1: 4.

HOW HE SAVES.

By grace, all for nothing. Eph. 2: 8.
To the uttermost. Heb. 7: 25.
Eternally. Heb. 9: 12.

WHAT HE SAVES FROM.

Temptation. Heb. 2: 18. Cares. 1 Pet. 5: 7.
Fears. Ps. 34: 4.

WHOM HE SAVES.

Sinners. 1 Tim. 1: 15. The lost. Matt. 18: 11.
All who believe. John 3: 16.

WHEN HE SAVES.

Now. 2 Cor. 6: 2.

IDOLATRY.

1 John 5: 20.

First commandment against idolatry. Ex. 20: 23.

Last warning to the church in the Epistles. 1 John 5: 20.

Before the law was given, Jehovah displaced by golden calf. Ex. 32: 4.

God's curse is on those who make or use idols. Deut. 27: 15.

Warning as to the result of serving other gods. Deut. 28: 64–66.

End of idolatry,—Israel carried into Babylon and Assyria. 2 Chron. 36: 16–20.

Full putting away of idolatry for Israel, still future. Ezek. 36: 25.

CHRISTIANITY INSTEAD OF OVERTHROWING IDOLATRY IS CORRUPTED BY IT.

Modern gods may be more refined but just as hateful. Eph. 2: 3.

The church ought to be admonished by Israel's failure. 1 Cor. 10: 7–11.

No idolater can enter the kingdom of God. Gal. 5: 20.

Idolatry coupled with uncleanness and harlotry. Eph. 5: 5.

Covetousness is idolatry of gold. Col. 3: 5.

Reveling and banqueting is idolatry of pleasure. 1 Pet. 4: 3.

Idolatry will be headed up in anti-christ. Rev. 13; Luke 11: 46.

Idolaters will find their end in the lake of fire. Rev. 21: 8.
Idolatry of men. Matt. 23: 8, 9.
Idolatry of self. Luke 18: 9–14.
Idolatry of sect. John 4: 20; 1 Cor. 1: 12.
Idolatry of Romanism,—the traditions of men. Mark 7: 7–13.
Idolatry of Protestantism,—headiness. 2 Tim. 3: 4
Idolatry of to-day,—human opinion, science, philosophy, higher criticism.

WORLDLINESS.

Forbidden to Israel, no intercourse or marriage. Deut. 7: 1–5.
Christ equally jealous of His Bride. Eph. 5: 26.
Christians are not to pattern after the world. Rom. 12: 2.
The wisdom of this world ended in crucifying Christ. 1 Cor. 2: 8.
We are not of the world. Chosen out, hated. John 15: 19.
The cross forever shuts us out from a crucified world. Gal. 6: 14.
"Unspotted from the world," the test of pure religion. Jas. 1: 27.
To be a friend of the world is to be an enemy of God. Jas. 4: 4.
How to overcome the world,—by faith in Him. 1 John 5: 4.

INFLUENCE.

Abraham's place of influence, before God. Gen. 18: 22.

Lot had none where he expected, in Sodom. Gen. 19: 14.

Jacob: At Penuel, when natural strength broken. Gen. 32: 28.

Joseph: In walking with God—pit, prison, or throne. Gen. 45: 7.

Moses: In taking sides with God, against his brethren. Ex. 32: 26.

Abigail: At David's feet, as intercessor for enemy. 1 Sam. 25: 24.

Elijah: Standing before the Lord, not Jezebel. 1 Kings 17: 1.

Esther: In the presence of the king. Esth. 5: 1.

Daniel: In refusing the king's defiling meat. Daniel 1: 8.

Paul: After he had been in the third heaven. 2 Cor. 12.

John: On the isle of Patmos, banished for the truth. Rev. 1: 9.

THE FLESH.

Flesh in Adam brought doubt, disobedience, death.

Flesh in Cain brought bloodless sacrifice, ending in murder.

Flesh in Noah perverted God's gifts and ended in idolatry.

Flesh in Abram, through Lot and Hagar, hindered sonship twenty-five years.

Flesh in Jacob led to deceit, fraud, fear and wandering over twenty years.

Flesh in Moses drove him to Horeb and kept him out of Canaan.

Flesh in Joshua led to compromise and failure to drive out the enemy.

Flesh in Samson robbed him of eyesight and strength.

Flesh in David blotted his life and brought continued war.

Flesh in Solomon led to many strange wives and the downfall of his kingdom.

Flesh in Peter began in following afar off and ended in denying his Lord.

Flesh in Paul urged him to Jerusalem unsent, ending in captivity in a Roman prison.

SEVEN THINGS ABOUT THE FLESH.

1. We are not under obligation or debtors to it. Rom. 8: 12.

2. We are not to make a god of it. Phil. 3: 19.

3. We are not to make allowance or provision. Rom. 13: 14.

4. We are not to give any liberty to it. Gal. 5: 13.

5. We are not to have any confidence in it. Phil. 3: 3.

6. We are not to expect any good from it. Rom. 7: 18.

7. We are to keep it in the place of death. Gal. 5: 24.

LEAVEN.

ALWAYS A CORRUPT THING IN SCRIPTURE.

First mention of leaven is in Gen. 19: 3.

Leaven was food of Sodom. Lot liked it, but would not set it before angels. Gen. 19: 3.

Leaven was common in Egypt, but Israel must put it away. Ex. 12: 8.

Lesson: We cannot eat Egypt's bread and God's Lamb together. Gal. 5: 9.

Leaven was forbidden in the offerings generally. Lev. 2: 11.

Parable of the leaven shows corruption of Christianity. Matt. 13: 33. The *woman* might represent the professing church; the *meal* might represent the children's bread; *three measures* might represent the fulness of the Godhead.

Jesus warns His disciples against the leaven of hypocrisy. Luke 12: 1.

Leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees,—false doctrine. Matt. 16: 12.

Leaven of malice and wickedness impossible in worship. 1 Cor. 5: 8.

Leaven to be purged out, lest all be corrupted. 1 Cor. 5: 7.

Leaven is killed by salt as falsehood by truth. Col. 4: 6.

Leaven of Pharisees,—self-righteousness. Matt. 23: 23.

Leaven of Sadducees.—vain philosophy and reasoning. 1 Cor. 3: 19.

Leaven of Herod,—world's power and glory. Luke 13: 31, 32.

JOY.

Joy, fruit of the Spirit; the unsaved have none. Gal. 5: 22.
Joy comes by believing and is measured by it. Rom. 15: 13; 1 Pet. 1: 8.
Joy in fulness as we are in His presence. Ps. 16: 11
Joy in service. Sowing in tears, reaping in joy. Ps. 126: 5.
Joy of the Lord is our strength. Neh. 8: 10.
Joy in trial, because of coming glory. Jas. 1: 2; 1 Pet. 4: 13.
Joy in the word, as we feed on it. 1 John 1: 4; Jer. 15: 16.
Joy in God, not in self or surroundings. Rom. 5: 11
Joy makes the cross easy and suffering light. Heb. 12: 2.
Joy of our Lord, the highest reward. Matt. 25: 23.
Joy of salvation may be lost,—through sin. Ps. 51: 12.
Joy of union as we abide in Him. John 15: 11.
Joy of communion as we listen to Him. Lu. 24: 32.
Joy of service as we minister for Him. Acts 20: 24.
Joy of His presence as we see Him. John 20: 20.

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